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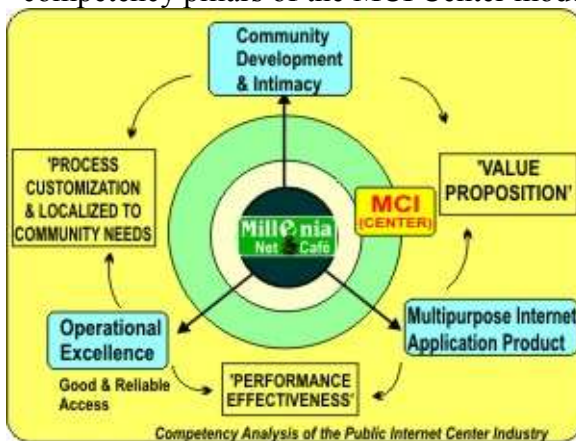
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Promoting Indonesian Public Internet Center model to achieve goal for Connecting Communities of the World by 2015

Tunis, 16 November 2005 – The Association of Community Internet Center (APWKomitel) promotes effectiveness of the Public Internet Center to improve the quality of life of the people in the community and to make the current public Internet center more sustainable carried out by multi stakeholder, based on the grass root level initiative. This is a typical condition facing the developing nations, with low PC and Internet penetration and a challenge to solve the Digital Divide, through Connecting Communities.

This showcase at the ITU Connect the World Partnership Pavilion, WSIS Tunis(16 November 2005, 14:00-15:00) , would give the opportunity to share a short presentations of future model of Multipurpose Community Internet Center (or MCI Center) , followed by signing of MOU between Multi stakeholder that has the common vision of Geneva Plan of Actions 2003, toward the formation of Global Internet Society. The MOU is to guide effective cooperation and commitment all the stakeholders involves to reach WSIS targets as mentioned at the Geneva Action Plan and strengthen the three competency pillars of the MCI Center model .



The Multi Stakeholders that attend and sign the MOU are:

- APWKomitel – Association of Community Internet Center as grass root initiator.
- Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Republic of Indonesian as policy maker and facilitator of ongoing multipurpose internet application projects, such as Directory of Internet Center projects, developing and promoting MCI Center through publications and website, OSOL (One School One Labs model of School Public Internet Center).
- Researcher of IDTUG (Indonesian Telecommunication User Group) & APT (Asia-Pacific Telecommunity) Dr Naswil Idris on developing effectiveness of MCI Center nearby Universities or Schools to the quality of Education and Life. A value proposition by developing multipurpose application product to meet community needs.
- Indosat Multi Media PT (IM2) - VSAT and Internet Service Provider to provide cost effective Internet access and Quality of Service, improving the Operational Excellency

Pillar of competence.

Other stakeholder present at the signing of MOU includes Prof. Saga from APT, Japan, Roxana from WorldSpace, Dr Idris Sulaiman from Yayasan MitraNetra, Chong Sheau Ching from E-Homemakers.net (Malaysia), Wendi Usino (University of Budi Luhur), Goenawan Brotoputro (University of Budi Luhur) and Mr. Hertomo Reksodiputro (Indonesian Ambassador for Tunisia)

The Multi Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) is a grass root initiative by the association (APWKomitel) to get community nearer to Public Internet Center through promotion of Directory of Internet Center, a concept called 'Near On', toward national development and common goal to make Global Information Society successful.

Communication has always been a human need. We believe it is also a human right.

We still acknowledge the divide among policy maker, grass-root, private sectors and society toward achieving our common goal. Hoping that the commitment and collaboration through partnership signs at the ITU Connect the World Partnership Pavilion will narrow the divide among stakeholders involves.

For more information on the Model of the Multipurpose Community Internet Center can be found on APWKomitel brochure or download from <http://www.apwkomitel.org>

About APWKomitel – Association of Community Internet Center (or in Indonesia known as Asosiasi Pengusaha Warnet / Komunitas Indonesia) click: <http://www.apwkomitel.org>