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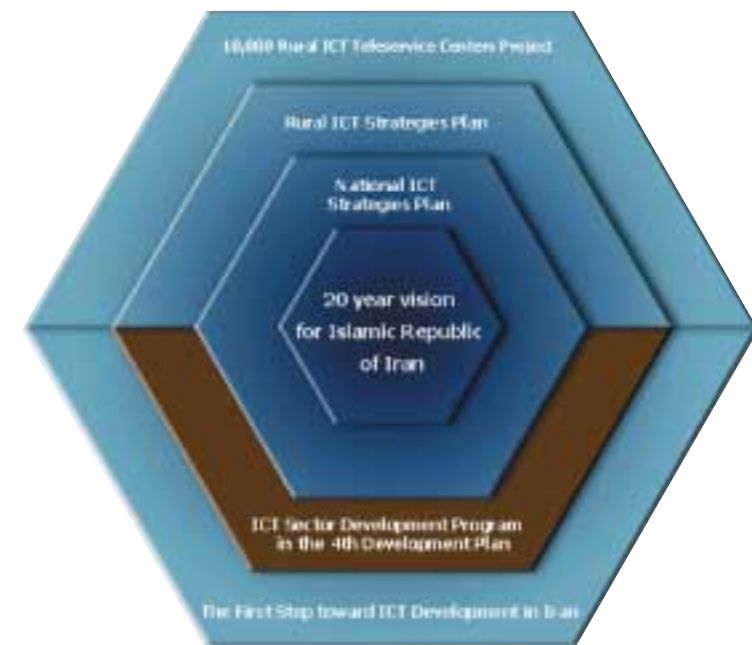
Preface

Information and Communication Technology, ICT, is considered a new opportunity for developing in different areas. ICT, as a development tool for boosting the economy and providing job opportunities, support for trade and tourism, reducing isolations and etc, should be considered in Asia-Pacific Region. The national ICT strategic plan is the superlative ICT Plan in Iran which, with situating vision, strategies and ICT plans, actions and activities in this field are leading to distinct goals.

This booklet is sharing some of these experiences for possible use in Asia-Pacific Region.

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ICT Sector Development Program In the Fourth Development Plan



The National Communications and Information Technology Sector Development Program — part of the Fourth Development Plan — describes the prospects, goals and priorities of the nation's communications and information technology sector within the scope of the fourth economic, social and cultural development plan.

The Fourth National Economic, Social and Cultural Development Plan

In Iran, long-term economic, social and cultural plans are drawn up in five-year terms. The Fourth Development Plan is the first to be presented since the compilation of the Islamic Republic's twenty-year vision. This plan was composed as the first step of fulfilling the twenty-year vision. The overview of the Fourth Development Plan is "Stable knowledge-based economic growth", and the plan is designed to achieve the following goals:

- Developing fundamental, equality-based knowledge in active interaction with the world
- Achieving guaranteed national security
- Defending the Islamic identity and culture of Iran
- Effective governing and establishing a competent government

Iran's fourth economic, social and cultural plan is composed of three levels:

The first level includes the fourth economic, social and cultural plan of the Islamic Republic of Iran, that contains seven parts, fifteen chapters and 247 items; which have been approved by the Cabinet and Parliament.

The second level of the plan contains the sector, super-sector and provincial development plans. In this level all executive organs are required to compile their respective sector's development plan and present it to the Cabinet. These plans will serve as the basis for annual planning and budgets. Also, for some exceptional and important (super-sector) cases, development plans will be drawn up which, subject to approval of the Cabinet, will be executed.

The third level of the fourth plan includes executive regulations and plan execution management, serving as a catalyst for following the plan's guidelines.

The fourth development plan of Iran focuses on 12 major areas; these are shown in figure 1.



Figure 1— Focal points of the fourth development plan

The communications and information technology sector, as one of the sectors of the second level of the development plan, has been ordained to continue development in accordance with the national plan.

To this end the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, as the administrator of the said sector, has taken on the task of composing the sector's development plan within the Fourth Plan. This text gives a brief explanation of that plan.



The Communications and Information Technology Sector in Iran

The communications and information technology sector is comprised of four major sub-sectors: post, telecommunication, IT and space systems. The Ministry of Communications and IT is the national administrating organ of this sector.

The duties of this ministry include: asserting control on the frequency spectrum, protecting Iran's radio frequency rights on a regional and global level, introducing regulations and standards and overseeing their execution in various postal and telecom sectors such as existing and new postal, telecom, and space communications, radio communications, data transfer, audio and video transfer, telemetry and computer link services, and creating a suitable basis and support mechanisms for information transfer, monitoring, data processing and telemetry methods and also policy-making in the field of developing the aforementioned communications facilities and services.

