

**Congratulatory Speech**  
**The Third General Assembly of the International**  
**Parliamentarians’**  
**Association for Information Technology**  
**(IPAIT)**  
**by**  
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**Honourable Members of Parliament,**  
**Distinguished Delegates,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is my great honour and pleasure to be here with all of us today for the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of International Parliamentarians’ Association for Information Technology (IPAIT) in this beautiful and fantastic capital city of Brasilia.

On behalf of the National Assembly of Thailand, host of the 2<sup>nd</sup> IPAIT General Assembly in Bangkok, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and congratulations to His Excellency Severino Cavalcanti for his unsparing efforts to put this meaningful gathering together.

**Honourable Members of Parliament,**  
**Distinguished Delegates,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As we all have known, information technology has become an integral part of today’s lives of people across the world being what our host Brazil, has called a realistic option and a basic citizen requirement not a luxury. However, there has still been what Thailand has still called “digital divide” making it difficult, if not impossible for some countries and people to access this technology. We therefore as the representatives of the people have an urgent task to work harder and closer to

narrow the digital divide and to strive for the digital inclusion which is the axle theme of this assembly.

**Honourable Members of Parliament,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On the other hand, we, as the legislators, have an urgent task to strengthen our efforts to achieve concrete outcomes of our exchange and cooperation in the field of information technology so that we can meet the purpose of IPAIT as specified in Article 3 of its Chapter. We should , therefore, feel grateful to our host , Brazil, for the excellent job of organizing this event, giving us a great opportunity to strengthen our digital cooperation.

Once again, on behalf of the people and the National Assembly of Thailand, the former host of the IPAIT assembly, I would like to congratulate Brazil's Chamber of Deputies on great success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> IPAIT General Assembly and hope that this success will pave the way for more concrete outcomes of digital cooperation and exchanges among parliamentarians

Thank you.

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