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Preface

This special issue of the *Journal of Telecommunications and Information Technology* provides selected articles that have been published in this quarterly in recent years, with three exceptions. The first one is the acceptance speech by Hamadoun Touré, ITU Secretary General, at the ceremony of awarding him the title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Wrocław University of Technology (Poland), on 14 September 2010 (reproduced with the kind consent of the author). The second exception is the foreword by Magdalena Gaj, Deputy Minister, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland. The third one is the text by Wojciech Hałka, Director General, National Institute of Telecommunications, Poland, focused on international co-operation of the Institute, especially with the ITU.

This special issue is published with the delegates to the 19th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in mind. Like the previous such conferences, this one is the key event for the development of information and communication infrastructure and services, worldwide. The ITU Member States gathered at Guadalajara Mexico, from 4 to 22 October 2010, decide together upon the current problems and future role of the Union. At this occasion the delegates discuss informally also other issues related to the conference agenda but not listed explicitly in it. Bilateral collaboration is one of such issues that contributes significantly to the success of the Union.

Dr. Touré in his acceptance speech focuses on broadband services and universal access to them as a key issue. Minister Gaj underlines that Poland is open to collaboration. As an old ITU Member country, Poland has been well known to all delegates, but it is now undergoing fast changes. Minister Gaj and Director Hałka offer brief information on the status and progress made recently. The remaining texts cover various topics within the scope of the Journal. Their selection offered here may help in giving the reader an idea on what topics deserve such collaboration and with whom.

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