

Message

Chairman PTA

We are living in a time of extraordinary technological advancements which has brought us at the cross-roads of innovation in computing and communications. New technologies such as 5G, the Internet of Things (IoT), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are reshaping the social and economic fabric of our society and changing our lives. In this wave of technological progress, the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) is at the forefront of the digital revolution by supporting innovation through a transparent, collaborative and adaptive regulatory approach. Our regulatory approach is to support and stimulate innovation that benefits the citizens and the economy. We aim to improve quality and standards; promote competition and ensure that the market works effectively for consumers and enhance the overall investment environment. Protecting consumers, both people and businesses, is at the core of PTA's mandate and vision. The accessibility of mobile services and maintaining standards in service delivery is a priority for PTA so that consumers receive the best possible broadband and phone services at affordable rates.

In year 2020, over 19 Million mobile broadband users were added in our network, which is the highest in Pakistan's history in a year, clearly reflecting that our efforts towards Digital Pakistan are bearing fruit. Today, Pakistan has achieved the milestone of over 102 million broadband subscribers. This astounding achievement is a testimony to the Government's efforts in ensuring the provision of high quality ICT services to the people of Pakistan. This journey of digital transformation will continue for the realization of the "Digital Pakistan Vision" of the Government of Pakistan so as to unleash the immense potential of Pakistan driven by innovative technologies.

To provide high speed internet access for all the people of Pakistan, PTA is working on a range of regulatory and industry initiatives: ensuring the availability of spectrum and extended rollout obligations to cover unserved population; facilitating fiberization and resolving Right of Way; supporting adoption of emerging technologies; maintaining Quality of Service by enhancing benchmarks; engaging with stakeholders for safe Internet; enabling environment for local manufacturing of mobile devices through world's first open-source Device Identification, Registration and Blocking System and launching a comprehensive Mobile Manufacturing Policy and Regulations. These measure will support future digital services and benefit the wider economy.



Major General (R) Amir Azeem Bajwa

I acknowledge the trust and confidence that the leadership and the people of Pakistan have reposed on the telecom regulator and the sector. PTA will remain steadfast in its resolve to implement the government vision and policies in best possible way. The telecom consumers, sector and ancillary industries will be our priority while we make available the latest and most modern digital services and infrastructure to wider population of Pakistan. I also acknowledge the efforts and contribution of PIDE to issue a supplement on this very important sector and its related issues.