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MESSAGE

Dear Honorary Chairmen, ExeCom Members of IETE Centres/ SubCentres, Professional Activity Centres, Organizational Members and Coordinators of IETE Student Fora,

I would like to extend a warm invitation to everyone to join us in commemorating 57th **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2025**.

As you are aware, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) observes **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) on May 17**, which commemorates the organization's founding in 1865. In accordance with Resolution 1416 of the ITU Council 2023, WTISD is emphasizing **"Gender Equality in Digital Transformation"** this year. This year's theme resonates deeply with our mission to promote technological advancements and inclusivity in the field of electronics and telecommunication.

This theme chosen by ITU emphasizes the critical importance of empowering women and girls to fully participate in the digital future by addressing gender gaps in digital access, affordability, skills, and leadership. Community as a whole reaps the benefits when digital technologies enable each person's autonomy. Women and girls are able to take part in every facet of life to a greater extent when they have access to digital tools such as the Internet and mobile phones. They may create a business, seek work, obtain necessary health, financial and government services, pursue education, talk with anybody they choose, and more. This empowerment enhances their own life as well as the general growth and success of their families and communities.

Let us come together on May 17, 2025, and recognise the significance of reducing the digital divide and encouraging girls and women in STEM. IETE is committed to the technological advancement, knowledge exchange, and building expertise as a pioneering professional organisation in the electronics and telecommunications sectors.

I truly encourage you to take part in the discussions about how to support equal rights for women in the digital age. Any of our Centres that cannot celebrate on May 17th can still try to honour the day whenever it works best for them. Let us work together to create a more inclusive and equitable digital society.

May the 2025 WTISD celebration be a resounding success for all of you.

With best regards,

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