



The Minister of Communications and Information Technology delivered a speech at the International Internet Conference in China



H. E. Mawlavi Najibullah Hayat Haqqani, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, spoke about the internet, technology, and artificial intelligence at the International Internet Conference in China.

The Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Alhaj Mawlavi Najibullah Hayat Haqqani, said in his speech at the conference” Truly, the internet is an accepted reality of a shared future for all humanity. It is a dynamic force of advancement toward tomorrow with the new technology of artificial intelligence. It has become an accepted reality around the world that technology in general and ICT

infrastructures in particular support all aspects of today's social, economic, and cultural progress, from daily communicants and business relations to the analysis based on big data and complex decision-making.”

According to the minister of MCIT it holds an important place in shaping the national and global economy, security, environment, and the structure of human life.

Referring to the problems of Afghanistan in the last few decades minister Hayat Haqqani said: In Afghanistan, due to several decades of wars and political upheavals, human progress has not only halted but in many areas, the existing basic infrastructure has also been lost. He said: With coming back to power the Islamic Emirate and because of adoption of new policies for reconstruction and economic growth, our country now has new opportunities for progress. It has a relatively decent and secured environment for socio-economic progress including sector of information and telecommunications technology in the region.

Alhaj Mawlavi Najibullah Hayat Haqqani, emphasized in his speech the importance of Afghanistan's economy-oriented politics, Afghanistan's contribution to regional economic growth in the current conditions. He stated: In the light of the new peaceful environment and economic-oriented policies and with its geographic



location as a cross-road, Afghanistan is consider a favorable location for regional cooperation and economic growth, energy transmission, fiber optic and land transport connectivity. All these provide opportunities for bilateral and multilateral cooperation for regional collaboration.

According to him it is a clear fact that no social progress is possible without the active participation and inclusion of all communities. There

are vast opportunities in the information technology sector to create environment for inclusion of all individuals and groups through universal access programs.

The minister of MCIT emphasized his commitment to provide services to all parts of the country and to provide them with services, he explained that: After devastating war conditions, Afghanistan is implementing access programs for many of its people, with priorities to disabled individuals, returnees, nomads, and other vulnerable to risks people.

At the same time, Mr. Alhaj Mawlavi Najibullah Hayat Haqqani addressed the developed countries Developed countries should cooperate with developing countries through joint efforts between governments and or the private sectors to eliminate digital divide, so that people can connect with new technologies, services and the rest of the world.

He expressed that: In the modern age, international cooperation and working together with new advancements in digital technology, internet and artificial intelligence are essential, so that developing countries can take steps toward a shared future for a better tomorrow. International cooperation and coordination are important for strengthening the national economies, public services, promoting e-commerce and other aspects of lives.



It is also essential in this era of technology that, based on collective cooperation between countries, information societies, scholars, inventors, organizations, global industrialists, and private sector companies, a joint step be taken toward a peaceful and prosperous future for all nations. And with respect for the beliefs, cultural heritage and values of nations, we achieve better results in work and economic cooperation.

In this conference, which was attended by ministers and high officials of many countries, Alhaj Haqani said that the implementation of the above mentioned issues would be possible only if the internet, artificial intelligence, and technology in general are divided from politics and are used not as a tool of pressure and threats, but for humanity's connections, solidarity, welfare, benefits, public safety, and progress.

He stated that: The internet and telecommunications are technologies that provide services and communication facilities to all humanity, regardless of where they are in the world. Technology should be a tool of connection and closeness, not a tool of deprivation and isolation. This technology and sector should not be deprived of renewal, replacement, and procurement due to restrictions imposed by countries and industrialists, including banking and customs limitations. Modern technology cooperation and facilitation require the involvement of all relevant parties. Without this, the level of digital divide will only increase globally .

Emphasizing on the efficient and safe use of technology, including artificial intelligence, in many parts of which are currently being used by the people minister MCIT said that: As technology advances, the need for regulations, standards, and ethical usage increases to ensure its effective and safe utilization and control. This need is more critical than ever today in the age of artificial intelligence.

In this conference, Minister Hayat Haqani called on the developed countries to help the developing countries in the growth and development of technology. He also said, when we talk about eliminating digital divide, it's essential to realize that this division is primarily driven by limitation of access to technologies and lack of affordability to internet and digital services. In many parts of the world, the lack of digital infrastructure, internet technology, and access to digital services presents limitations and hinders economic capability.

The Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Mr. Alhaj Mawlawi Najibullah Hayat Haqqani, said that one of the major causes of digital isolation around the world is the restrictions on people's access to technology, the Internet, and digital services, and the lack of economic capacity and expressed that: Now more than ever, it is important that other countries and international organizations to work collaboratively with landlocked countries in order to build ICT infrastructures and through cooperation with the private sector to build these

foundations to ensure access on fair legal base and commercially viable rights of way to submarine fiber optic networks. We consider it essential to establish a comprehensive mechanism for regional and international cooperation in this regard, and for countries to commit to its implementation in order to eliminate digital divide on a global scale .

The Minister said that it is essential to establish and implement a comprehensive mechanism for regional and international cooperation by countries to eliminate the digital divide at an international level.

The Minister of Communications and Information Technology concluded by saying: A shared future, shared peaceful living, and security for all can only be achieved effectively through mutual cooperation and respect for the interests of all.