



PRESS RELEASE
NEW TEAM TAKES OVER AFTER COAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

July 7, 2010, New Delhi: The COAI Annual General Meeting was held on July 6, 2010 at New Delhi.

The General Body unanimously elected **Mr. Sanjay Kapoor, CEO – India & South Asia, Bharti Airtel** as the **Chairman** of the Association for the succeeding year. **Mr. Sanjeev Aga, Managing Director, Idea Cellular** was unanimously elected as the **Vice-Chairman** of COAI for the succeeding year.

At the AGM, the **Executive Council team for 2010-11** was also announced.

Mr. Sanjay Kapoor, Chairman Elect heralded the role of the Telecom industry in India today and the key role it plays in forming the socio-economic backbone of the country. As the second largest market across the globe, the Indian Telecom industry connects the unconnected, bringing them closer to their aspirations and opportunities. He also called for the licensor and regulator to create a regulatory environment which is conducive and adopt policies which aid future growth and sustainability.

Mr. Kapoor also thanked **Ms. Suneeta Reddy** for her brilliant leadership to the Association in the past year and stated that he would like to take forward the Association with the same vigor. He also stated that he, along with the Vice-Chairman and the Director General of COAI, is working on a strategic charter for the Association for the next year and their aim would be to achieve the goals set up in the charter. His immediate target is resolution of the issue of security clearance of telecom equipment/ software and penetration of Broadband services in the country.

Mr. Rajan S. Mathews, Director General, COAI firstly thanked all for welcoming him to be a part of the COAI family. He then presented the Annual Report of the COAI activities to the members. He appreciated the work done by various committees working on issues related to security matters, towers, EMF radiations, etc in overcoming many challenges in the past year. He also highlighted COAI's laudable work in the areas of Mobile Banking, vernacular language SMS and Telecom Centres of Excellence. Mr. Mathews also talked about the various policy and regulatory issues which were the prime focus areas of the Association in the preceding year.

Mr. Mathews also thanked the **Chairperson, Ms. Suneeta Reddy**, for her commendable headship of the Association and her vigor in binding the Association for a smooth transition and requested for her continued participation and support in all the future efforts of the industry. He also thanked the **Vice Chairman, Mr. Sanjay Kapoor** for all the support and guidance that he has provided during his tenure.

DG, COAI also applauded and thanked **Mr. T.V. Ramachandran's** efforts in the previous years in nurturing the Association and taking it to the level of international recognition. He also thanked **Mr. T.R. Dua, Deputy Director General, COAI** and the members of the Secretariat for bearing the flag of the Association in the interim period and taking it forward with the same momentum as earlier.
