

## **Technology, Media & Telecommunications, Barunesh Chandra, Chair**

### **From JJ Disini (Philippines):**

#### **Telecom lawyer appointed as first DICT secretary**

Lawyer and ex-Globe executive Rodolfo “Rudy” Agapay Salalima will be the first secretary of the newly created Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). Prior to his appointment, he served as Globe Telecom Inc.’s Senior Vice President for Corporate and Regulatory Affairs.

A graduate of philosophy (magna cum laude) and law (cum laude) from San Beda College, he has over 40 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. He is also the president of the Philippine Chamber of Telecommunications Operators, Inc, a board director of the Telecoms Infrastructure Corporation of the Philippines, and a member of the executive committee of the National ICT Advisory Council.

The DICT is planned to spur ICT development, institutionalize e-government and manage the country’s ICT environment.