

Overview of 2013 White Paper on Information and Communications in Japan

Part 1

Special Theme: How Can We Make Strategic Use of “Smart ICT” to Bring Vigor and Growth to Japan?

Part 1 discusses how to make strategic use of ICT as the source of vigor to achieve economic growth, solve social challenges and realize a safe, secure society.

Chapter 1 Utilizing “Smart ICT” Advancement to Create New Values

This chapter analyzes the situation where new ICT trends including the diffusion of smart-phones and the growing utilization of Big Data and open data are creating new values and heightening expectations on ICT and growth.

Chapter 2 Utilizing ICT to Solve Social Challenges

This chapter analyzes the present state of and challenges for electronic administration, re-sources problems including efficient social infrastructure management, and the development of a healthy, long-lived society as the areas where ICT is expected to help solve social challenges.

Chapter 3 Attaining Safe, Secure ICT Utilization Environment and R&D Strategy

This chapter explains trends regarding the key challenges for drawing the potential of ICT, which are the building of an environment where ICT can be used safely and securely and the research and development efforts to create innovations.

Part 2

Current State of ICT and Policy Trends

Chapter 4 Current State of ICT

This chapter provides up-to-date statistics data including implemented by the MIC in FY2012 to indicate the present state of information and communications in Japan.

Chapter 5 Outlook for Information and Communications Policies

This chapter discusses latest information and communications policy trends including MIC initiatives.