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Director-General ISHIHARA Attends 2002 China NGN Forum & IPv6 Interoperability Event

Mr. ISHIHARA Hideaki, Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination, MPHPT, attended the "2002 China NGN Forum & IPv6 Interoperability Event" held in November 2002 at the China Academy of Telecommunications and Technology, the Ministry of Information Industry (MII), Beijing, China. He gave a keynote address, entitled the "Japan's Activities on IPv6." In this forum, many stakeholders involved in IPv6 participated, including Mr. Zhang Xinsheng, Deputy Director-General, MII Technology Department and Mr. Latif Ladid, Chairman of Global IPv6 Forum.

During the forum, the IPv6 Interoperability Event was held in which Japanese telecommunications carriers and manufacturers participated.

Taking this opportunity, Director-General ISHIHARA exchanged opinions with Mr. Zhang Xinsheng, Deputy Director-General, MII Technology Department, on promotion of Japan-China cooperation concerning IPv6. The two sides recognized to continue promoting Ja-

pan-China cooperation as regards IPv6.

The outline of 2002 China NGN Forum & IPv6 Interoperability Event is as follows:



Date: November 27 through 29, 2002
 Venue: China Academy of Telecommunications and Technology, MII
 Organizer: MII (cosponsors: 6TNet, BII Group, IPv6 Forum, etc.)
 Major speakers: Mr. Zhang Xinsheng, Deputy Director-General, MII Technology Department; Mr. Jiang Lintao, Chairman, China IP Standard Workshop; Mr. Latif Ladid, Chairman of Global IPv6 Forum; and others

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Presentations of applications and IPv6-ready equipment, including video conferencing, VoIP, etc., in a multivendor environment under

which IPv6-ready equipment is linked with each other.

Communications Industry Forecasts Sales Increase

MPHPT released the results (prompt report) of the survey “overall results of Japan’s communications industry (telecommunications and broadcasting)” for the third and fourth quarters (Q-III and Q-IV) of FY2002. Fixed figures will be posted in the end of December 2002 at URL:

<http://www.johotsusintokei.soumu.go.jp/>

1. Sales forecasts

The Sales Forecast Diffusion Index (DI: The percentage of companies say-

ing that the sales conditions are rising compared with the second quarter, minus the percentage of companies saying that the sales conditions are declining compared with the second quarter.) shows as follows:

- Telecommunications are the upward tendencies of "16.2" for Q-III and "24.3" for Q-IV of FY2002, respectively.
- Private-sector broadcasting (except cablecasting) are the downward ten-

dencies of "-21.9" and "-34.4."

- Cablecasting are the upward tendencies of "60.0" and "60.4."

2. Financial position

The Financial Position Diffusion Index (DI: The percentage of companies saying that the financial position are easy compared with the previous quarter, minus the percentage of companies saying that the financial position are tight compared with the previous quar-

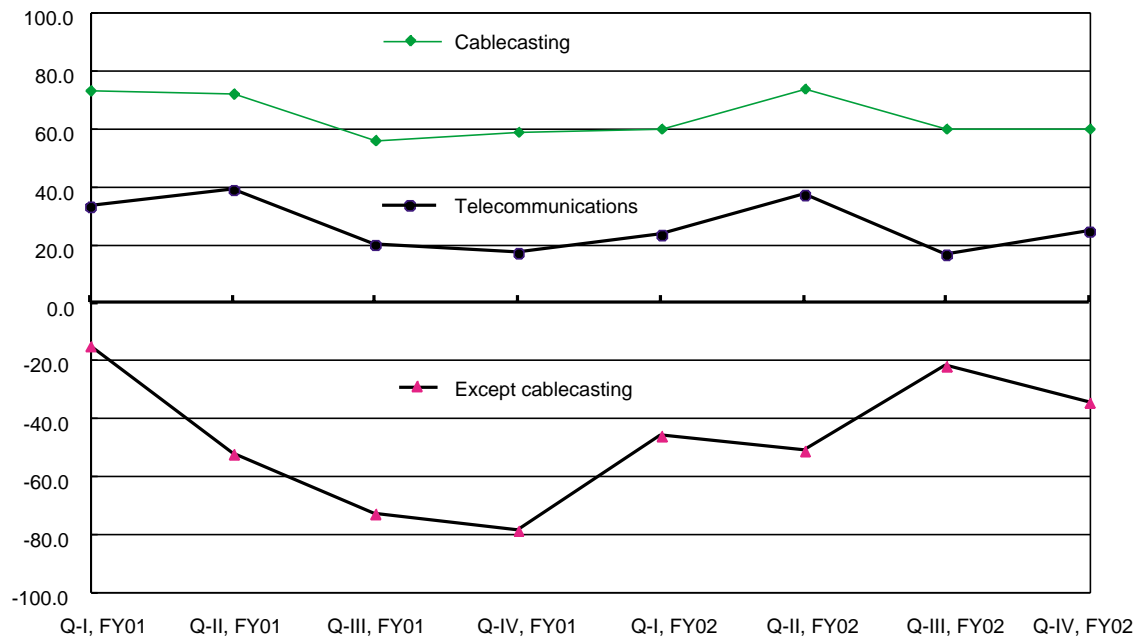
Table 1. Sales forecast diffusion index

(Unit: point)

Type of business	FY2001 Q-I	FY2001 Q-II	FY2001 Q-III	FY2001 Q-IV	FY2002 Q-I	FY2002 Q-II	FY2002 Q-III	FY2002 Q-IV
Telecommunications	32.7	38.5	20.0	17.0	23.3	37.0	16.2	24.3
Type I telecommunications	48.6	36.1	23.5	16.7	32.1	34.4	21.7	17.4
Type II telecommunications	0.0	50.0	6.7	17.6	6.7	42.9	7.1	35.7
Private-sector broadcasting	9.1	-16.2	-37.9	-42.2	-16.7	-15.2	4.3	-4.3
Except cablecasting	-15.0	-52.3	-72.9	-78.7	-46.2	-51.1	-21.9	-34.4
Cablecasting	73.3	72.2	55.6	58.8	60.0	73.7	60.0	60.0
All industries	-15	-26	-29	-40	-43	-40	-29	-29

- Notes: 1. Basically, index is estimated at the end of the previous quarter for each. However, indices for Q-III and Q-IV in FY2002 are estimated at the end of Q-II in FY2001.
 2. Figures of "all industries" are based on the "Short-term Economic Survey of Principal Enterprise in Japan," Bank of Japan

Fig. 1 Trends in sales forecast diffusion index



ter.) shows as follows:

- Telecommunications are the easy tendencies of "12.5" for Q-III and "2.4" for Q-IV of FY2002, respectively.
- Private-sector broadcasting(except cablecasting) are the easy tendencies of "15.6" and "9.4."
- Cablecasting are the tight tendencies of "-20.0" and "-20.0."

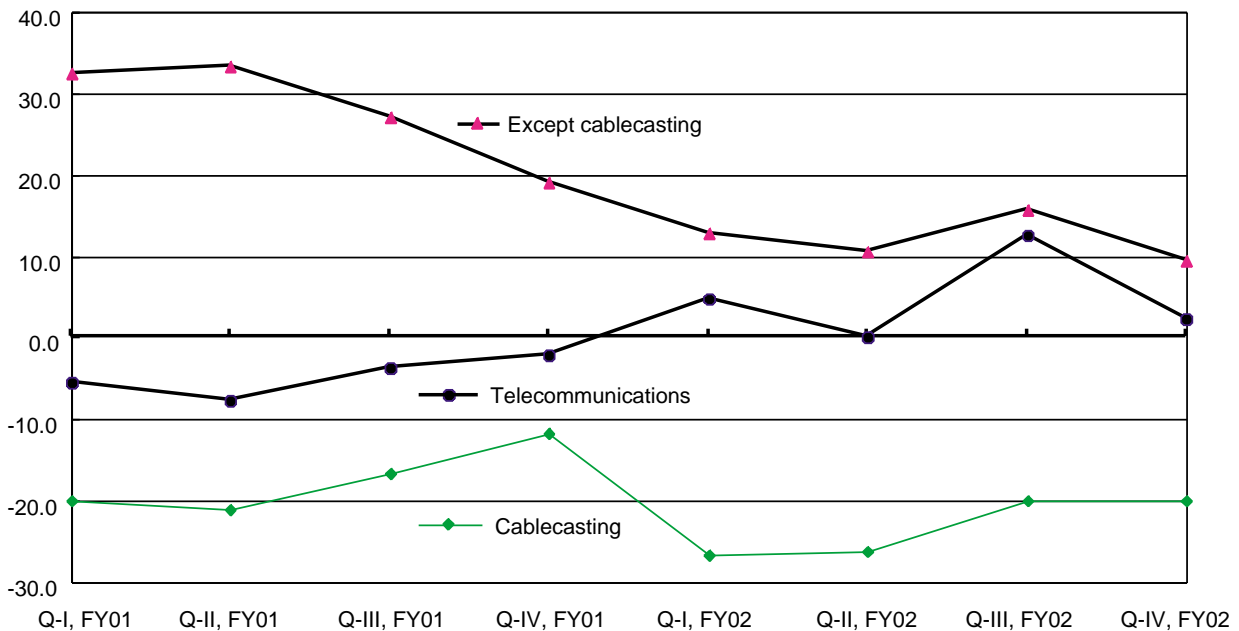
Table 2. Financial position diffusion index

(Unit: point)

Type of business	FY2001 Q-I	FY2001 Q-II	FY2001 Q-III	FY2001 Q-IV	FY2002 Q-I	FY2002 Q-II	FY2002 Q-III	FY2002 Q-IV
Telecommunications	-5.5	-7.8	-3.8	-2.1	4.7	0.0	12.5	2.4
Type I telecommunications	-8.1	-13.9	-14.3	-10.0	0.0	-3.1	15.4	0.0
Type II telecommunications	0.0	6.7	16.7	11.8	13.3	6.3	7.1	7.1
Private-sector broadcasting	18.2	17.2	15.2	10.9	1.9	0.0	4.3	0.0
Except cablecasting	32.5	33.3	27.1	19.1	12.8	10.6	15.6	9.4
Cablecasting	-20.0	-21.1	-16.7	-11.8	-26.7	-26.3	-20.0	-20.0
All industries	-12	-14	-14	-18	-19	-19	-16	-16

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Fig. 2 Trends in financial position diffusion index



Outline of the survey

[The Survey "overall results of Japan's communications industry"]

To grasp the business trend of communications industry (telecommunications and broadcasting), the monthly survey indicated below has been carried out on sales, etc. since April 1995.

[Companies Surveyed]

Type of business	The number of companies	The number of respondents	Response rate (%)
Communications	133	92	69.2
Telecommunications	63	44	69.8
Type I telecommunications	43	30	69.8
Type II telecommunications	20	14	70.0
Private-sector broadcasting	70	48	68.6
Except cablecasting	50	33	66.0
Cablecasting	20	15	75.0

ITU Secretary-General UTSUMI Holds Lecture Meeting on WSIS

On November 14, 2002, Mr. UTSUMI Yoshio held a lecture meeting entitled "Toward the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)" at MIELPARQUE TOKYO, with some 200 people attending from the government, private companies, research institutes, universities, etc.

WSIS is a high-level conference on a global scale to be held in two phases, Geneva in 2003 and Tunis in 2005, with the aims of establishing a common vision of an "information society" as well as promoting understandings thereupon and of formulating a "declaration" and an "action plan" for achieving the devel-

opment in a harmonized manner toward realization of this common vision.

MPHPT and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will convene the Asian Regional Conference to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from January 13 through 15, 2003. This Regional Conference aims to propose topics to be deliberated at WSIS and the direction of WSIS at the WSIS Second Meeting of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom-2) to be held from 17 to 28 February 2003 in Geneva.

At the lecture meeting, Secretary-General UTSUMI explained changes in telecommunications technologies, market policy, administration, markets and de-

sirable regulatory authorities accompanying such changes during four years after his assumption of office as Secretary-General (February 1999). Following the explanation, he stressed the significance of deepening recognitions on an information society. Mr. UTSUMI clarified the following three points as roles that WSIS shall play; namely, i) to help leaders of each country have correct recognitions and realize correct policies, ii) to bridge the digital divide, and iii) to address cyberspace problems. Then, he stated that ITU will hold WSIS under its initiative.

