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## Release of Report on Economic Trends in the ICT Industry (Q4 of 2007)

MIC has released its Report on Economic Trends in the ICT Industry for the fourth quarter (October to December) of 2007.

## [Key trends]

- With expanding production and shipment, inventory growth slowed. Business confidence remains steady.
- Capital investment by the ICT industry continues to decline, partly because the development of the base stations necessary for third-generation mobile telephones has been completed in the information and communications business category.
- Employment and wages have surged in the information and communications business category.
  Employment of IT engineers is growing in response to the so-called J-SOX Law, which is applicable from fiscal 2008.
- ICT-related investment continues to decline.

Reference: Outline (PDF file)

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