
Telecommunications Council 1st General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1. Date and Time

January 17, 2001 (Wednesday), 14:00 to 15:30

2. Location

First Special Conference Room of MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) (8th floor, MIC)

3. Attendees (Honorifics omitted)

(1) Members

Yoshihisa Akiyama (Chairperson), Tadao Saito (Vice-Chairperson), Koichi Ariyoshi, Kunio Anzai, Toshiaki Ikoma, Keiko Kiyohara, Hideko Kunii, Kashiko Kodate, Yasuharu Sekiguchi, Satoshi Daigo, Kazuteru Tagaya, Yoshio Tsukio, Akiko Natori, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Mitsutoshi Hatori, Toshihiko Hayashi, Hiroshi Harashima, Yoshihiro Fujii, Mariko Fujiwara, Kumiko Miyazaki, Masatoshi Murakami, and Yasuhiko Yasuda

(Total of 22 members)

(2) Secretary

Ogasawara (Director of the General Affairs Division, Information and Communications Policy Bureau)

(3) MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

Katayama (Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Kosaka (Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Endo (Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Shimazu (Vice-Minister), Amano (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Hamada (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Dan (Director-General of Minister's Secretariat), Nabekura (Director-General of the Information and

Communications Policy Bureau), Kanazawa (Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau), Tanaka (Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination), Takahara (Policy Coordinating Officer), Suzuki (Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretary), Aritomi (Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department), Ishihara (Director-General of the Radio Department), and Matsui (Director-General of the Postal Services Policy Planning Bureau)

4. Agenda

(1) Regarding the selection of the chairperson and the appointment of the vice-chairperson

Member Akiyama was chosen as the chairperson by the members of the council. Then, member Saito was appointed as the vice-chairperson by the chairperson and assumed the position.

(2) Regarding the Information and Communications Council Procedure Rules

After the secretary explained an outline of the Procedure Rules, the members discussed Article 9 about disclosing information, such as the minutes of Council meetings. Consequently, the council decided to continue to deliberate on public access to meetings and accept Article 9 in its original form until the matter is formally determined.

(3) Regarding discretionary matters for sub-councils and the establishment of a special department

The council decided to leave matters such as how to deal with ITU-R, ITU-T, IMO, ICAO, and CISPR, and those concerning technical requirements for radio and wire telecommunications equipment, to the discretion of its sub-councils. In addition, the council decided to establish a special department that would study the status of pro-competitive policies in telecommunication businesses to promote the IT revolution (Special Department for Desirable Pro-Competitive Policies in the Telecommunications Business Field for Promoting the IT Revolution).

(4) Regarding the takeover of inquiries

The council confirmed that it took over three inquiries from the Telecommunications Council and 15 inquiries from the Telecommunications Technology Council.

(5) Regarding the appointment of members of the sub-council, division, committees, etc. under this council

Members who would belong to the sub-council were appointed by the minister and those who would belong to the division, committees, etc. (excluding the sub-council) under this council were appointed by the chairperson.

(6) Inquiry

MIC explained Consultation No. 1 "Status of Guideline for Use of Utility Poles, Ducts, Conduits, etc. in the Telecommunications Field." Having deliberated on the matter, the council decided to subject it to a deliberation process under the Telecommunications Business Division that had garnered specialized knowledge in related fields.

(7) Regarding the consultation schedule in the year 2001

After the secretary explained a schedule for regular consultations, the council decided to hold consultations by adjusting specific details such as dates for meetings among the members.
