
Telecommunications Council 2nd General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1. Date and Time

March 28, 2001 (Wednesday), 15:00 to 16:15

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, Kakutaro Kitashiro, Keiko Kiyohara, Hideko Kunii, Kashiko Kodate, Katsutoshi Suzuki, Yasuharu Sekiguchi, Satoshi Daigo, Masao Nakagawa, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Mitsutoshi Hatori, Hiroshi Harashima, Yoshihiro Fujii, Mariko Fujiwara, Kumiko Miyazaki, Masatoshi Murakami, and Yasuhiko Yasuda

(Total of 21 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), Shimazu (Vice-Minister), Amano (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Hamada (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Nabekura (Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau), Tanaka (Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination of Minister's Secretary), Takahara (Policy Coordinating Officer), Inamura (Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretary), Suzuki (Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretary), Aritomi (Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department), and Uchida (Director-General of the International Affairs Department)

4. Agenda

(1) Regarding inquiries

- a. Consultation No. 1 "Status of Guideline for Use of Utility Poles, Ducts, Conduits, etc. in the Telecommunications Field"

Saito, Chairperson of the Telecommunications Business Division, informed members about the draft report on the issue. Having deliberated on the report, the council decided to accept it as the council report in its original form prepared by the Telecommunications Business Division, and the chairperson personally delivered the report to the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

- b. Consultation No. 2 "Research and Assessment on Info-Communications Technology"

MIC explained the matter. Having deliberated on it, the council decided to subject it to a deliberation process under the Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council that had garnered specialized knowledge in related fields.

- c. Consultation No. 3 "Internet Policy in the 21st Century"

MIC explained the matter. Having deliberated the issue, the council decided to subject it to a deliberation process under the Information and Communications Policy Committee that had garnered specialized knowledge in the broad range of fields.

(2) Regarding public access to council meetings

In the light of the previous deliberations, the secretary explained the draft amendment to Article 9 in the Information and Communications Council Procedure Rules. Having deliberated the issue, the council decided to open meetings of the council to the public, as stipulated in the draft amendment, and enforce the amended article from the next general meeting. Article 9 was established as follows:

(Public viewing of the council meetings)

Article 9. All the meetings shall be open to the public except those in the following cases:

- (1) Deliberations on matters listed in Particulars of Article 94 in the Telecommunications Business Law (except Particulars iv), viii), x), xvi), xx), and xxi),

- (2) Deliberations on matters listed in Particulars (1), (3), and (4) of Article 26-2 in the Cable Television Broadcast Law, and
 - (3) Where the rights or interests of a party or parties concerned, or a third party or parties, or the interests of the public, may be violated when a meeting is opened to the public; or where the chairperson or any of the other chairpersons regards it as necessary to close a meeting to the public.
2. Information concerning council meetings such as minutes shall be made public by means of viewing at the secretary for the council and other methods. If the rights or interests of a party or parties concerned, or a third party or parties, or the interests of the public, may be violated when information concerning a meeting such as minutes is made public; or if the chairperson or any one of other chairpersons regards it as necessary to keep such information private, however, all or some pieces of such information may be kept confidential.
 3. If a meeting is to be closed to the public pursuant to Paragraph 1 Particular 3 herein, or all or some pieces of information such as minutes concerning a meeting will be kept confidential based on the proviso of the previous paragraph, the reason or reasons for this shall be made public.
 4. The secretary for the council shall promptly prepare a summary of minutes of each council meeting and obtain approval for their disclosure from the chairperson before they are made public.