
Telecommunications Council 3rd General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1 Date and Time

June 15, 2001 (Friday), 14:00 to 15:50

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, Takashi Kawada, Keiko Kiyohara, Hideko Kunii, Kashiko Kodate, Yasuharu Sekiguchi, Satoshi Daigo, Masao Nakagawa, Akiko Natori, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Mitsutoshi Hatori, Toshihiko Hayashi, Kumiko Miyazaki, Masatoshi Murakami, Yasuhiko Yasuda, and Hatsuko Yoshioka

(Total of 18 members)

(2) Secretary

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

(3) MIC (Ministry 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), Kanazawa (Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau), and others

4 Agenda

This general meeting was opened to the public and reported the following matters:

- (1) Regarding the deliberation status of sub-council and committees, etc.

The chairpersons or the like from the Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council, the Information and Communications Policy Committee, the Telecommunications Business Division, the Cable Broadcasting Committee, and the Special Department for Desirable Pro-Competitive Policies in the Telecommunications Field for Promoting the IT Revolution reported how their unit had been holding meetings and conducting deliberations of their inquiries since the first general meeting.

Then, in response to the report from the Telecommunications Business Division, a proposal was made that time periods required for deliberations be shortened and the current process for inviting the general public to make remarks or proposals or so-called public comments be more flexibly run. This council also regarded them as important subjects and decided to deal with them carefully.

- (2) Regarding how meetings were made available to public access

The secretary reported how the public viewing of meetings had been enforced since the previous general meeting decided to open them to the public.

- (3) Regarding how laws and regulations related to information and communications under the control of MIC is deliberated during the 151st Diet session

MIC reported how five bills, including the draft law that would amend a part of the Telecommunications Business Law, etc., were being deliberated in the current Diet session.

- (4) Regarding the Communications Research Laboratory as an independent administrative institution

MIC reported about the management and other information concerning the Communications Research Laboratory, including the regime and research fields of the organization, which became an independent administrative institution on April 1 of this year.
