
Telecommunications Council 7th General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1 Date and Time

August 7, 2002 (Wednesday), 15:00 to 17:20

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), Koichi Ariyoshi, Kunio Anzai, Toshiaki Ikoma, Nagaaki Oyama, Takashi Kawada, Kakutaro Kitashiro, Keiko Kiyohara, Shigeki Goto, Katsutoshi Suzuki, Yasuharu Sekiguchi, Satoshi Daigo, Kazuteru Tagaya, Miwako Doi, Makoto Nagao, Akiko Natori, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Mitsutoshi Hatori, Yoshihiro Fujii, Mariko Fujiwara, Masatoshi Murakami, Yasuhiko Yasuda, and Hatsuko Yoshioka

(Total of 20 members)

(2) Jun Murai (temporary member)

(3) Secretary

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

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

Katayama (Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Sada (Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Kanazawa (Vice-Minister), Tsukio (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Takahara (Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau), Nabekura (Director-General of the

Telecommunications Bureau), and others

4 Agenda

1 Reports

- (1) Regarding Desirable Pro-Competitive Policies in the Telecommunications Business Field for Promoting the IT Revolution (Telecommunications Council Consultation No. 29 of July 26, 2000)
Mr. Fujii, Chairperson of the IT Pro-Competitive Special Committee, informed the members about the final report on this matter. Having deliberated on the report, the council decided to accept it as the final report of the council concerning more open networks, self-reliance, and assistance to consumers, and a fundamental review on competitive frameworks. This includes the abolishment of the current demarcation of Type 1 and Type 2 businesses. Chairperson Akiyama personally delivered the finalized report to Mr. Katayama, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.
- (2) Regarding "R&D System for Ensuring Technical Capability of Info-Communication Technology in Japan" in "Approach to R&D of Infrastructure Technology in Japan" (Telecommunications Technology Council Consultation No. 120 of August 29, 2000)

Yasuda, Chairperson of the Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council, informed the members about the final report on the matter. Having deliberated on the report, the council decided to accept it as the final report of the council. The points include promoting R&D activities for open system types with the Communications Research Laboratory as the driving force, further encouraging the exchange of researchers, ensuring technical capability that enables Japan to lead the rest of the world for many years to come, and strengthening Japan's R&D systems. Chairperson Akiyama personally delivered the finalized report to Mr. Katayama, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

- (3) Regarding "Internet Policy in the 21st Century" (Consultation No. 3 of

March 28, 2001)

Mr. Ariyoshi, Chairperson of the Information and Communications Policy Committee, informed the members about the secondary intermediate report on this matter. Having deliberated on the report, the council decided to accept it as the secondary intermediate report of the council concerning the enhancement, infrastructure development, usage, and promotion of Internet services, including the promotion of contents distribution and IPv6 usage, and measures for migrating the Internet infrastructure to Ipv6. Chairperson Akiyama personally delivered the finalized report to Mr. Katayama, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

2 Inquiries

- (1) Regarding the R&D master plan and a strategy for standardization in looking at the strengthening of competitiveness in the info-communications technologies (Consultation No. 6)
MIC asked the council to deliberate on the modality of R&D and standardization strategy of technology suitable for the times, based on the rapid advancement of technology and the changing situation of industry and society. The council decided to subject the matter to a deliberation process under the Information and Communications Technology Sub-council.
- (2) Regarding the mid- to long-term outlook of radio spectrum use and the role the government should play (Consultation No. 7)
MIC asked the council to deliberate what the government must deploy to promote the effective use of radio spectrum from a comprehensive viewpoint, based on various positions, such as IT and international strategies, with an outlook for future radio spectrum uses. The council decided to establish the Special Department for Radio Policy where the matter would be deliberated.

3 Regarding a partial amendment to the Information and Communications Council Procedure Rules, etc.

MIC explained the matter. Having deliberated on it, the council accepted a partial amendment to Article 9 in the Information and Communications Council Procedure Rules and decided to discontinue the "IT Pro-Competitive Special Committee" because the Committee had completed its studies and deliberations. The council decided to establish the "Special Department for Radio Policy" as a new deliberation unit.

4 Report from MIC

Regarding a follow-up for initiative program concerning countermeasures against global warming

MIC reported information on the follow-up, including the viewpoints and methods of the follow-up, and the council accepted this.