
Telecommunications Council 9th General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1 Date and Time

March 27, 2003 (Thursday), 10:02 to 11:35

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, Koichi Ariyoshi, Takashi Kawada, Nobuaki Koga, Tadao Saito, Yoshinori Sakai, Eiichi Shimizu, Yasuharu Sekiguchi, Fumio Takahata, Kazuteru Tagaya, Nami Takenaka, Masatsugu Tsuji, Norihisa Doi, Miwako Doi, Mikio Toukai, Masao Nakagawa, Akiko Natori, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Hiroshi Harashima, Mariko Fujiwara, and Masatoshi Murakami

(Total of 21 members)

(2) Secretary

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

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

Kato (Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Yoshida (Parliamentary Secretary for Internal Affairs and Communications), Nishimura (Vice-Minister), Ishihara (Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination), Aritomi (Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau), Suzuki (Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department), Kito (Director-General of the Radio Department), and others

4 Agenda

- (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 of August 7, 2002)

Mr. Saito, Chairperson of the Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council, informed the members about the draft report on the matter. Having deliberated on the report, the council decided to accept it as the council report on the following points, but not limited to: 1) Future R&D objectives, 2) measures to convert the results of R&D to realities in industries, 3) R&D that adopts the views of users and manufacturers to make the public feel safe and comfortable, 4) orchestrated promotion of R&D and standardization, and 5) importance of improving standardization activities in cooperation with Asian countries. Chairperson Akiyama personally delivered the finalized report to Mr. Kato, the Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

- (2) Regarding the deliberation status of the "Mid- to long-term outlook of radio spectrum use and the role the government should play"
(Consultation No. 7 of August 7, 2002)
MIC reported the deliberation status of the "Special Department for Radio Policy" and the council accepted this.
- (3) Regarding the deliberation and progress status of the Cable Broadcasting Committee meetings
The Cable Broadcasting Committee reported to the members information on the Committee, such as the status of how the unit had held meetings since last February when the previous report was discussed, and the council accepted this.
- (4) Regarding the summary of "Bill for partial amendments to the Telecommunications Business Law and the Law Concerning Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, etc."

MIC explained the summary of the bill and the council accepted this.