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## **Telecommunications Council 10th General Meeting Summary of Minutes**

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1 Date and Time

July 30, 2003 (Thursday), 14:00 to 15:41

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, Toshiaki Ikoma, Nagaaki Oyama, Takashi Kawada, Shigeki Goto, Tadao Saito, Yoshinori Sakai, Eiichi Shimizu, Fumio Takahata, Kazuteru Tagaya, Nami Takenaka, Masatsugu Tsuji, Miwako Doi, Masao Nakagawa, Akiko Natori, Akira Negishi, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Hiroshi Harashima, Mariko Fujiwara, Kumiko Miyazaki, Masatoshi Murakami, and Hatsuko Yoshioka

Temporary Member

Jun Murai

(Total of 24 members)

(2) Secretary

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

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

Wakamatsu (Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Nishimura (Vice-Minister), Matsui (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Nabekura (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Takahara (Director-General of the Information and

Communications Policy Bureau), Ishihara (Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination), Suzuki (Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department), Kito (Director-General of the Radio Department), and others

#### 4 Agenda

- (1) Regarding "Internet Policy in the 21st Century" (Consultation No. 3 of March 28, 2001)

Having deliberated on the report, the council decided to accept it as the council report in its original form prepared by the Information and Communications Policy Committee, and Chairperson Akiyama personally delivered the report to Wakamatsu, the Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

#### [Summary]

In light of the changing situation where Japan is entering the second phase of an IT society that aims to fully expand the use of IT technology from the first phase, covering the development of telecommunication infrastructures, the report explains the future direction of advanced usage of IT technology and summarizes tasks for implementing measures to improve usage. Specifically, it determines the direction of IT technology development so that an advanced IT society may be realized, where the public will participate in society in a way that they can send information, companies can engage in vigorous and highly competitive operations, and so forth. It proposes tasks for realizing this society such as the implementation of networks useful for users, the realization of content delivery that may promote rewarding lives for users, security, and other important items.

- (2) Regarding the "Mid- to long-term outlook of radio spectrum use and the role the government should play" (Consultation No. 7 of August 7, 2002)

Having deliberated on the report, the council decided to accept it as the council report in its original form prepared by the Special

Department for Radio Policy. Chairperson Akiyama personally delivered the report to Mr. Wakamatsu, the Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

[Summary]

The report intends to look at the future usage of the radio spectrum and develop a mid- and long-term vision (Radio Policy Vision) to impel radio administration as the public need for radio spectrum is becoming more diverse due to the recent rapidly expanding use of radio spectrum and technical innovations in the IT field, as typified by cell telephony and wireless LANs. Specifically, it recommends the enforcement of frequency allotment in response to need for increasing radio usage such as mobile communications, the development of an efficient frequency redistribution system, a fundamental review of spectrum user fee systems, and so forth.

(3) Regarding the deliberation status of the Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council

The Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council reported to the members information on the Sub-Council, such as the status of meetings held since last February when the previous report was explained, and the council accepted this.

(4) Regarding the deliberation status of the Telecommunications Business Division

The Telecommunications Business Division reported to the members information on the Division, such as the status of meetings held since last March when the previous report was explained, and the council accepted this.