
Telecommunications Council 11th General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1 Date and Time

January 28, 2004 (Wednesday), 10:30 to 11:40

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, Takashi Kawada, Nobuaki Koga, Tadao Saito, Yoshinori Sakai, Eiichi Shimizu, Nami Takenaka, Masatsugu Tsuji, Miwako Doi, Mikio Toukai, Akiko Natori, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Hiroshi Harashima, Mariko Fujiwara, Kumiko Miyazaki, Teruyasu Murakami, Masatoshi Murakami, Yusuke Yasuda, and Hatsuko Yoshioka

(Total of 19 members)

(2) Secretary

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

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

Yamaguchi (Senior Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Matsumoto (Parliamentary Secretary for Internal Affairs and Communications), Kayama (Vice-Minister), Matsui (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Takahara (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination),

Hirai (Director-General of Minister's Secretariat), Takechi (Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau), Aritomi (Director-General of the Telecommunications

Bureau), Kito (Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination), Suzuki (Policy Coordinating Officer), Fujioka (Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat), Esaki (Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department), Takeda (Director-General of the Radio Department), Ishida (Director-General of the International Affairs Department), Sakurai (Counselor of Minister's Secretariat), Ando (Director of Broadcasting Policy Division), Achiwa (Director of Information Applications Promotion Office), and others

4 Agenda

- (1) Regarding the "Appropriate usage of terrestrial digital broadcasting in the future and the role of the administration in its penetration" (Consultation No. 8)

Having deliberated on the matter, the council decided to subject it to a deliberation process under the Information and Communications Policy Committee.

[Summary]

What the council was asked to deliberate on are the following: 1) Organizing new functions in digital broadcasting, 2) Identifying needs for digital broadcasting in the public field and measures to meet such needs, and 3) Roles of the administration in carrying out items 1) and 2) to smoothly diffuse terrestrial broadcasting services in every part of Japan, which were launched last December.

- (2) Regarding a follow-up for initiative program concerning countermeasures against global warming (Report from MIC)

MIC reported information on the follow-up, such as viewpoints and methods employed, and the council accepted this.

[Summary]

MIC conducted a questionnaire survey and public hearing on six

industry organizations, including Telecommunications Carriers Association, about the status of how they were carrying out countermeasures against global warming, and summarized the results in the report.

- (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 how the unit had held the meetings since last July when the previous report was discussed, 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 July, when the previous report was discussed, and the council accepted this.

- (5) Regarding the deliberation status of the Cable Broadcasting Committee

The Cable Broadcasting Committee reported to the members information on the Committee such as the status of meetings held since last March when the previous report was discussed, and the council accepted this.

- (6) Regarding the partial amendment to the Information and Communications Council Procedure Rules

MIC intends to amend a part of the Information and Communications Council Procedure Rules in the wake of the amendment of the Telecommunications Business Law. Having deliberated on the matter, the council decided to accept the draft amendment in its original form.