

Telecommunications Council 14th General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1 Date and Time

July 29, 2005 (Friday), 13:00 to 14:26

2 Location

First Special Conference Room of MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) (8th floor, MIC)

3 Attendees (Honorifics omitted)

(1) Members

Etsuhiko Shoyama (Chairperson), Hideo Miyahara (Vice-Chairperson), Kaoru Arakawa, Nagaaki Oyama, Keiko Kiyohara, Nobuaki Koga, Shigeki Goto, Yoshinori Sakai, Masao Sakauchi, Kaori Sasaki, Eiichi Shimizu, Chika Sekine, Nobuko Takahashi, Fumio Takahata, Nami Takenaka, Masatsugu Tsuji, Norihisa Doi, Miwako Doi, Mikio Toukai, Masao Nakagawa, Miki Nagata, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Hiroshi Hirano, Akira Mitarai, Kumiko Miyazaki, Teruyasu Murakami, and Yusuke Yasuda

(2) Temporary Member

Jun Murai

(Total of 28 members)

(3) Secretary

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

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

Aso (Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Yamamoto

(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), Shimizu (Director-General
for Policy Planning), Horie (Director-General of the Information and
Communications Policy Bureau),
Aritomi (Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau), Kito
(Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination), Matsui
(Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat),
Ogasawara (Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat), Esaki
(Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department),
Ishida (Director-General of the International Affairs Department),
Yamakawa (Counselor of Minister's Secretariat), Tanaka (Director of
Policy Planning Division, Minister's Secretariat), Takeuchi (Director of
the General Affairs Division, Telecommunications Bureau),
Takei (Director of the Technology Policy Division), Minami (Director
of the Terrestrial Broadcasting Division), 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 of January 28, 2004)

Having deliberated on the draft report, the council decided to accept it as the intermediate council report (secondary) in its original form prepared by the Information and Communications Policy Committee and Chairperson Shoyama personally delivered the report to Mr. Aso, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

(Summary)

The report proposes measures such as the promotion of utilization of terrestrial digital broadcasting in public fields and the implementation of a smooth, full transition to digital services by actively using technology related to "fusion of communication and broadcasting."

These are the priority measures intended to ensure the realization of full transition to digital by the year 2011.

- (2) Regarding a "Framework for research and development that looks to a ubiquitous network society" (Consultation No. 9 of July 28, 2004)

Having deliberated on the draft report, the council decided to accept it as the council report in its original form prepared by the Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council and Chairperson Shoyama personally delivered the report to Mr. Aso, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.

(Summary)

The report proposes "UNS Strategy Program" that comprises three technical strategies such as "Universal Communications," "New Generation Networks," and "ICT Security and Safety" and measures for promoting the program to induce "the manifestation of intellectual strength," carry out "the maintenance and improvement of an internationally competitive edge," and promote "the establishment of a secure and safe society" as a framework for research and development that looks to a ubiquitous network society.

- (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 July when the previous report was discussed, and the council accepted this.

- (4) Regarding the deliberation status of the Information and Communications Policy Committee

The Information and Communications Policy Committee reported to the members information on the Committee, such as the status of meetings held since last July when the previous report was discussed, and the council accepted it.

- (5) 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.