

## **Cable Broadcast Sub-Council, Telecommunications Council—19th Meeting Summary of Minutes**

### 1. Date and Time

Wednesday, July 11, 2007; 10:00–11:25

### 2. Location

Conference Room 1, 1st Floor, Lower Tower, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications  
(MIC)

### 3. Attendees (honorifics omitted)

#### (1) Sub-Council Members

Yoshiaki Nemoto (Chairperson), Chika Sekine (Vice Chairperson), Kazuko Ohtani, Yasuhiko Nagamura, Satoshi Negishi

(a total of five members)

#### (2) Secretariat

Imabayashi (Director, General Affairs Division, Information and Communications Policy Bureau)

#### (3) MIC Representatives

Ogasawara (Director-General, Information and Communications Policy Bureau),  
Kawauchi (Officer), Yoshida (Director, Terrestrial Broadcasting Division), Fujishima (Director, Regional Broadcasting Division), Homma (Senior Technology Planning Officer, Regional Broadcasting Division)

### 4. Agenda ((a): Open-door deliberation; (b) & (c): Closed-door deliberation)

#### Consultations

#### (a) Partial Amendment of Regulations for Enforcement of the Cable Television Broadcasting Law

[Consultation No. 1177]

After deliberation, the Sub-council reported that it would be appropriate to amend the Regulations as proposed.

#### [Background]

Based on the partial report from the 47th meeting of the Information and Communications Technology Sub-Council held on March 28 of this year, MIC is to amend the relevant ministerial ordinances and notices.

#### (b) Permission to install a cable television broadcasting facility in Bungotakada City

[Consultation No. 1178]

After deliberation, the Sub-council reported that it would be appropriate to give permission for the installation of the cable television broadcasting facility as proposed.

[Background]

This application had been submitted by Bungotakata City, which had been formed as a result of the merger of one city and two towns (Bungotakata City, Matama-machi, and Kaga-machi) in March 2005. The city wishes to install a cable TV broadcasting facility based on the FTTH system as the basis of an advanced area-oriented information infrastructure, which will enable it to provide a variety of services including retransmission of terrestrial broadcast, multi-channel broadcast, and a community channel disseminating information on citizens' life and municipal administration, as well as broadband services.

(c) Deliberation on Consultation Nos. 1172, 1173, 1174 and 1175

Based on the results of the June 11 hearing and the discussions conducted thus far, the Sub-council sorted the points of contention, put them into perspective and discussed them item by item.

<Main points of contention>

- relationship between the “locality” and the prefecture-based licensing system
- handling of area-limited commercial features
- handling of one-segment broadcast and data broadcast
- impact on business operation and the consent of local broadcasters
- handling of copyright
- impact on subscribers and local economy
- protection of analog subscribers
- observance of consent for retransmission of analog broadcast
- review of arbitration system

[Background]

Oita Cable Telecom, Co., Ltd.; CTB Media, Inc.; Cable TV Saiki, Co., Ltd.; and Oita Cable Network, Corp. had applied for arbitration by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications regarding the retransmission of digital television broadcast programs originally broadcast by RKB Mainichi Broadcasting Corp.; Kyushu Asahi Broadcasting Co., Ltd.; Television Nishinippon Corp.; and Fukuoka Broadcasting Corp., respectively, based on Paragraph 3, Article 13 of Cable Television Broadcasting Law.