

Proceedings of 20th Universal Service Committee Meeting

The 84th Information and Communication Council Telecommunications Business Group was consulted on the proposed ministerial ordinances regarding the partial revision of the Telecommunications Service Law, etc. at its meeting held on December 18, 2007. The chairman of the workshop, Sekine, gave the following comment. “Based on the opinions submitted on the consulted proposal, ministerial ordinances related to connection shall be reviewed by the Interconnection Committee, and those related to the universal service system shall be reviewed by the Universal Service Committee, after which the final report shall be drawn up.” This policy was unanimously approved.

As a result of inviting opinions by January 17, 2008, one comment was submitted from the SoftBank Group regarding the ministerial ordinance on the universal service system. The Secretariat (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) therefore consulted Professor Kurokawa, the head of the Universal Service Committee, about the future review policies, etc. of the committee. He directed that “an internal memo shall be carried out for this matter based on the submission of opinions, so the secretariat should carry out the required procedures for this”. Based on this, the secretariat has just obtained approval to give individual briefings to all seven members of the Universal Service Committee by February 22, 2008, based on distributed materials, and report to the Telecommunications Business Group meeting scheduled for February 28 (Thursday) in accordance with the proposal.

It was decided that the report should be submitted at the Telecommunications Business Group meeting scheduled for February 28 (Thursday).