

## Telecommunications Council—17th General Meeting Summary of Minutes

### 1. Date and Time

Monday, August 2, 2007; 14:00–15:40

### 2. Location

Special Conference Room 1, 8th floor

### 3. Attendees (honorifics omitted)

#### (1) Council Members

Etsuhiko Shoyama (chair), Setsuko Aoki, Kaoru Arakawa, Susumu Ito, Kazuko Ohtani, Nagaaki Ohyama, Yasuhiko Osamura, Keiko Kiyohara, Shigeki Goto, Yoshinori Sakai, Masao Sakauchi, Eiichi Shimizu, Chika Sekine, Nobuko Takahashi, Fumio Takahata, Hisao Taki, Nami Takenaka, Masatsugu Tsuji, Miwako Doi, Mikio Toukai, Miki Nagata, Akira Negishi, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Akira Mitarai, Teruyasu Murakami, Yusuke Yasuda, Jun Murai (temporary council member) (a total of 27 members)

#### (2) Secretariat

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

#### (3) MIC Representatives

Yoshihide Suga, (Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications), Yasuo Suzuki (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Kiyoshi Mori (Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination), Michiaki Ogasawara (Director-General, Information and Communications Policy Bureau), Akira Terasaki (Director-General, Telecommunications Bureau), Masao Matsumoto (Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination), Mutsumi Nakata (Director-General for Policy Planning), Shun Sakurai (Director-General for Policy Coordination), Shunsuke Kodama (Director, Technology Policy Division), Kenji Tanaka (Director, Standardization Division), Hiroyuki Takeda (Director, Satellite and International Broadcasting Division), Mitsuhiro Ohara (Director, International Broadcasting Promotion Office), Yoichi Ogasawara (Director, Contents Development Office), Hiroshi Yoshida (Director, Terrestrial Broadcasting Division), Kazuhiro Mita (Senior Planning Officer, Terrestrial Broadcasting Division)

### 4. Agenda

(1) Reports

a. Optimal Utilization of Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting and Roles of Administration toward Penetration Thereof

(Consultation No. 8 of January 28, 2004)

**Summary**

Based on the report on the results of the study made by the Terrestrial Digital Broadcasting Promotion Committee, the Council conducted deliberations and submitted the fourth interim report.

b. Internet Policies in the 21st Century and Toward the Promotion of Digital Content Distribution (of which the latter forms part of the consultation Optimal Utilization of Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting and Roles of Administration toward Penetration Thereof)

(Consultations No. 3 of March 28, 2001 and No. 8 of January 28, 2004)

**Summary**

The Council submitted the interim report it compiled on copy control for digital broadcasting, promotion of secondary use of broadcast content and establishment of the market.

c. Promotion Measures for International TV Broadcasting for Foreigners

(Consultation No. 10 of August 1, 2006)

**Summary**

The Council submitted the report it compiled on early launch of international TV broadcasting for foreigners, the policy for which was decided by agreement of the ruling coalition on communications and broadcasting.

2. Consultation

R&D and Standardization Strategies for Enhancing Japan's International Competitiveness

(Consultation No. 13)

**Summary**

Having deliberated on the matter, the Council decided to conduct an in-depth study at the Telecommunications Technology Sub-Council, which has expertise in a wide variety of fields.

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

**Summary**

Council Member Norihisa Doi (chair, Telecommunications Technology Sub-Council) was appointed vice chair of the Telecommunications Council.