

Summary of Minutes

10th Meeting of the Study Group on the Future Vision of Satellite Broadcasting

1. Date and time:
October 12 (Thurs), 2006 10:00 to 11:00
2. Location:
Special Conference Room No.1 (8F), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
3. Attendees:
 - (1) Members (Honorifics omitted)
Mutsuya Asano, Yasuthosi Ishibashi, Susumu Ito, Banjiro Uemura, Yoshihiro Oto, Tsuguhiko Kadokawa, Junichi Kishigami, Fumio Takahata, Akio Torii, Miki Nagata, Shizuo Fujiwara, Tadahisa Mori, Haruko Yamashita
 - (2) Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
Suzuki (Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau), Nakada (Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat), Minami (Director of Broadcasting Policy Division), Okubo (Director of Broadcasting Technology Division), Takeda (Director of the Satellite and International Broadcasting Division), Ohhara (Investigation Officer of the Satellite and International Broadcasting Division), Osajima (Assistant Director of Satellite and International Broadcasting Division)
4. Summary of proceedings
 - (1) Opening
 - (2) Result of comment solicitation

(3) Preparation of the report of the "Study Group on the Future Vision of Satellite Broadcasting"

(4) Others

(5) Closing

5. Major discussions

The Secretariat explained the documents distributed on the table.

Major opinions are given below:

- In order for broadcasters to flexibly carry out their businesses, further improvements to the environment, such as deregulation must be realized.
- It is desirable to develop the satellite broadcasting market by adopting the direction of the report into actual businesses, which includes enhancing the level of freedom of broadcasting services.

Based on the above, it was confirmed that the Study Group approves this draft to be the final report, with the premise that no changes will be made to the content.

Lastly, a member reported that the "Council on a desired platform (tentative name)" was expected to be launched with the Japan Satellite Broadcasting Association as the Secretariat in order to undertake a review of the independent guidelines for the CS platform.

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