

Study Group on a Comprehensive Legal System for Communications and Broadcasting  
Summary of Minutes (5th Meeting)

1. Date

Thursday, December 21, 2006, 6 to 8 p.m.

2. Location

Common Conference Room 3, 1st floor, Low-Rise Building, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

3. Attendees

Mr. Horibe, Chair; Mr. Murai, Vice-Chair; Mr. Ando, member; Mr. Takaya, member; Mr. Nakamura, member; Mr. Hase, member; Mr. Murakami, member

Mr. Aritomi, Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination; Mr. Suzuki, Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau; Mr. Mori, Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau; Mr. Terasaki, Director-General for Policy Planning; Mr. Nakata, Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat; Hanoi, Director-General of the Radio Department; Mr. Sakamoto, Director of the General Policy Division; Mr. Sato, Director of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau; Mr. Tominaga, Director of the Radio Policy Division; Mr. Naito, Head of the Communications and Broadcasting Legal System Planning Office; Mr. Fujino, Senior Promotion Officer for Intelligent Transport Systems

4. Outline of proceedings

(1) Approaches to radio legislation

Mr. Takaya presented "Approaches to Radio Legislation in Response to New Developments in Communications and Broadcasting: Addressing the Acceleration in Wireless Innovation" (Reference 2). The Study Group acknowledged the draft report and, after adding public comments to the draft, will compile the draft at the next meeting based on the public comments.

(2) Free discussion

A free discussion was held on specific study procedures for each examination issue based on the "Discussion Points for Study of a Comprehensive Legal

System for Communications and Broadcasting — Draft” (Reference 3), which organized the opinions given at the 4th Study Group meeting after a report about the state of telecommunications and the state of the legislative system.

(3) Other matters

The Secretariat explained the “Upcoming Examination Schedule — Draft” (Reference 4), which was approved.

(4) Next meeting

The next meeting will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007. The agenda topics will be (1) compilation of the public comments on approaches to radio legislation, and (2) content-related issues (Part 1).