

Telecommunications Council 16th General Meeting Summary of Minutes

1. Date and time

Tuesday, January 9, 2007 10:00-11:03

2. Location

First Special Conference Room, 8th floor, MIC

3. Attendees (honorifics omitted)

(1) Members

Setsuko Aoki, Kaoru Arakawa, Susumu Ito, Kazuko Ohtani, Nagaaki Ohyama, Yasuhiko Osamura, Keiko Kiyohara, Shigeki Goto, Yoshinori Sakai, Masao Sakauchi, Eiichi Shimizu, Etsuhiko Shoyama, Chika Sekine, Nobuko Takahashi, Fumio Takahata, Hisao Taki, Nami Takenaka, Masatsugu Tsuji, Norihisa Doi, Miwako Doi, Mikio Toukai, Miki Nagata, Akira Negishi, Yoshiaki Nemoto, Akira Mitarai, Hideo Miyahara, Teruyasu Murakami, and Yusuke Yasuda (Total: 28 members)

(2) Secretary

Yamane, Director, General Affairs Division, Information and Communications Policy Bureau

(3) MIC

Taniguchi, Parliamentary Secretary for Internal Affairs and Communications; Matsuda, Vice Minister; Aritomi, Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination; Shimizu, Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination; Yamakawa, Director-General for Policy Coordination; Matsumoto, Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination; Suzuki, Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau; Yoshida, Counselor of Minister's Secretariat; Katsuno, Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat; Nakata, Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat; Sakurai, Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department; Kawauchi, Director-General of the Radio Department; Chouno, Director-General of the International Affairs Department; Yoshizaki, Director of the Planning Division; Samura, Director of the General Affairs Division, Telecommunications Bureau; Nishimoto, Hearing Examiner; Izumi, Director of the International Economic Affairs Division; Takeda, Director of the Satellite and International Broadcasting Division; Ohara, Senior Advisor of the Satellite and International Broadcasting Division; Fujimoto, Director of the Information Application Promotion Office; Akimoto, Senior Advisor of the General Policy Division

4. Agenda

a. Appointment of Chairperson and Nomination of Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Shoyama was unanimously elected Chairperson. Mr. Miyahara was elected Vice-Chairperson following nomination by Chairperson Shoyama.

b. Nomination of members of the operating committees under the Telecommunications Council

Members of the committees operating under the Telecommunications Council were nominated by Chairperson Shoyama.

c. Reports

(1) Progress report on the study of promotional measures for “International TV Broadcasting for Foreigners” (Inquiry No. 10 of August 1, 2006) (International TV Broadcasting Committee Interim Report)

In regard to the promotional measures for “International TV Broadcasting for Foreigners” (Inquiry No. 10 of August 1, 2006), an interim report compiled by the Telecommunications Policy Sub-Council based on its deliberations was presented.

Summary

In view of the early provision of “international TV broadcasting for foreigners,” the Sub-Council has studied (i) entities for operating broadcasting; (ii) financial resources and legal schemes; (iii) service areas to be covered; and (iv) content of broadcast programming.

(2) Follow-up of voluntary action plan for global warming countermeasures

MIC reported on the matter.

Summary

In accordance with the May 1998 Telecommunications Council Report on measures employing information and communications to tackle global environmental problems, MIC reported the progress of environmental initiatives in industries related to information and communications.

(3) Progress of promotion of communication and broadcasting reform

MIC reported on the matter.

Summary

MIC reported the progress of the Process Program for the Reform of the Communications and Broadcasting Field, compiled last September.

(4) Outline of draft FY2007 budget and tax system in regard to information and communications

MIC reported on the matter.