

**Study Group on Countermeasures against Illegal/Harmful Information
on the Internet—6th Meeting
Summary of Minutes
(Proposal)**

1. Date and Time

Friday, April 25, 2008; 14:00–15:30

2. Location

Conference Room, 7th floor, MIC

3. Attendees (honorifics omitted)

(1) Sub-Council Members

Shigeo Nishino (proxy for Igarashi), Takamasa Kishihara, Tamayo Kimura, Hiroyuki Kuwako, Fumiaki Koizumi, Akio Kokubu, Kazuhiro Kitamura (proxy for Kobayashi), Shinichiro Sakata, Satoshi Seki, Nobuyuki Takahashi, Masao Takahashi, Tsuyoshi Takenouchi, Takashi Kimura (proxy for Tateishi), Hiroshi Tano, Miki Nagata, Keigo Inoue (proxy for Nakayama), Yasuo Hasebe, Makoto Haruta, Hiroki Hirasawa, Naoya Bessho, Masao Horibe, Toru Maruhashi, Seiji Yoshikawa

* Okamura, Kato, Saito, Matsuyama and Yamaguchi were absent.

(2) Observers

Counselor (IT Office), Cabinet Secretariat; Director for Policy of Youth Affairs, Cabinet Office; Director, Office for Protection of Juveniles, Juvenile Division, National Police Agency; Director, Information Economy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; Director, Youth Division, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

(3) MIC Representatives

Masuda (Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications), Terasaki (Director-General, Telecommunications Bureau), Takeuchi (Director-General, Telecommunications Business Department), Ando (Director, General Affairs Division, Telecommunications Bureau), Taniwaki (Director, Telecommunications Policy Division), Kurose (Director, Computer Communications Division), Ninomiya (Director, Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division), Yoshida (Senior Planning Officer, Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division),

Okamura (Assistant Director, Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division), Naito (Assistant Director, Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division), Ishii (Assistant Director, Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division)

4. Agenda

(1) Opening address

(2) Subjects

(i) Content Evaluation and Monitoring Association (EMA)

Shino Uenuma, Secretary General, Content Evaluation and Monitoring Association

(ii) Status in Europe on countermeasures against illegal/harmful information on the Internet (Secretariat)

(iii) Interim report (proposal) (Secretariat)

(3) Closing

5. Meeting Summary

(1) Opening address

(2) Subjects

(i) Content Evaluation and Monitoring Association (EMA)

Shino Uenuma, Secretary General of the Content Evaluation and Monitoring Association, and Kishihara gave a presentation based on Reference 2. The following questions and answers were subsequently asked and given.

Q: On community sites, the users also see the content provided by the sites and advertisements as well as the content exchanged among the users. Without targeting the advertisement standard created or introduced by the sites, the examination would be incomplete. It would be preferable for these types of information to also be examined.

Q: On the illustration of the actual rating process on page 11, will the EMA mark be granted to only the web sites certified by the EMA or will the EMA also allow rating by third parties?

A: For the time being, it will be a mark that indicates certified web sites. As a next step, we should work toward a rating mark that provides a clue that allows each user to judge whether he or she will access the site.

Q: Do you mean that rating could result in more than one EMA label (i.e., labels by third-party rating and self-rating could exist)?

A: The EMA intends to implement several stages, rather than simply granting or not granting the label.

Q: On controlling malicious users with the blacklist described on page 8, what information will be shared?

A: The subject is under review from various aspects, including legal ones. For the time being, the user ID (terminal number and user identity) sent from the carrier is shared. In the future, other information also might be handled in collaboration with the carriers.

(ii) Status in Europe on countermeasures against illegal/harmful information on the Internet

The secretariat gave a presentation based on Reference 3.

(iii) Interim report (proposal)

The secretariat gave a presentation based on Reference 4. After the following questions and answers were asked and given, Interim Report was approved.

Q: The schedule for applying filtering on the existing eighteen or younger subscribers is not clearly stated. If we are informed of details, we can announce it at the PTA general meeting scheduled in May and propose taking measures. What is the progress?

A: As of January, we planned to apply filtering by around summer. However, as an interim report will be compiled, it is necessary to consider how to implement the improvements of filtering and to provide a get-acquainted period. The progress is behind schedule. We will inform you of the latest update as soon as possible.

Q: On page 5 of Reference 5, there is a discrepancy between the description under "Considering required regulations" and that in the body of the report.

A: In general, the body of the report has precedence. We will pay attention to not causing any misunderstanding in explanation.

After the discussion, MIC Minister Masuda gave a speech.

(3) Closing