

**“Study Group for the Development of Digitization and Broadcasting Policy”
(1st Meeting) Summary of Minutes**

1. Date and Time:
(Tues.) July 27, 2004, 9:30-11:15
2. Location:
Ministry Meeting Room, MIC (7th floor, Central Joint Government Building No. 2)
3. Attendees:
 - (1) Study Group members (Honorifics omitted; in order of the Japanese syllabary): Susumu Ito, Norio Kumabe, Hiroshi Shiono, Ikufumi Niimi, Atsuko Nomura, Yasuo Hasebe, Mitsutoshi Hatori, Junichi Hamada, Masayuki Funada, Jun Murai, Haruko Yamashita (11 members)
 - (2) MIC members: Horie, Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau; Fujioka, Deputy Director-General; Fukuoka, Director, General Affairs Division; Ando, Director, Broadcasting Policy Division; Amemiya, Senior Technology Planning Officer, Broadcasting Technology Division; Minami, Director, Terrestrial Broadcasting Division; Imabayashi, Director, Satellite and International Broadcasting Division; Emura, Director, Regional Broadcasting Division; Ogasawara, Senior Planning Officer, Broadcasting Policy Division; Imaizumi, Assistant Director, Broadcasting Policy Division
4. Proceedings:
 - (1) Opening
 - (2) Study Group Outline (Draft)
 - (3) Appointment of Chair and Nomination of Vice-Chair
 - (4) Discussion on Opening Meetings to the Public

- (5) Agenda
 - 1) Current status of broadcasting
 - 2) Examples of terrestrial digital broadcasting
 - 3) Other pressing issues and future direction
 - (6) Closing
5. Outline of Proceedings:
- (1) Study Group Outline

An outline of this study group was explained by the secretariat and approved.
 - (2) Appointment of Chair and Nomination of Vice-Chair
 - 1) Mr. Hiroshi Shiono (Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo) was unanimously elected as chair.
 - 2) Mr. Mitsutoshi Hatori (Professor, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Chuo University) became Vice Chair following nomination by Study Group Chair Shiono.
 - (3) Discussion on Opening Meetings to the Public:

The following decisions were made:

 - 1) Principles of opening meetings to the public (except for cases in which the rights and benefits of the concerned parties or third parties and public interest risk being damaged).
 - 2) Principles of publicly disclosing materials discussed in the meetings.
 - 3) Creating and disclosing summary of minutes.
 - 4) Disclosing summary of minutes with speakers identified.

* Materials, summary of minutes and minutes will be posted on the MIC website.
 - (4) Proceedings:
 - 1) The secretariat explained the current broadcasting situation.
 - 2) Mr. Enami, Director-General of Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) Science & Technical Research Laboratories presented examples of terrestrial digital broadcasting.
 - 3) Issues and Future Direction:

The secretariat explained other pressing issues as well as the future direction of broadcasting. It was decided that the study group would conduct hearings and exchange opinions in order to clarify and prioritize the issues.

(6) Other:

The next meeting will be held from 18:00 on Thursday, September 16, 2004.