

**Summary of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Round Table
Conference on Privacy Information in the Telecommunications
Service Sector**

1 Date and time:

May 26 (Mon) 2003 17:30 to 19:30

2 Location:

Conference Room 1001 (10F), Ministry of Internal Affairs and
Communications

3 Attendees:

(1) Members (Honorifics omitted)

Kazuko Otani, Hiroyuki Kuwako, Kazunori Kohai, Masahiro Tajima,
Nobuo Tezuka, Susumu Hirano, Naoya Bessho, Masao Horibe, Koichi
Miki, Toru Murakami, Hatsuko Yoshioka

(2) Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Aritomi (Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau), Suzuki
(Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department),
Yoshida (Director of the Tariff Division), Yamada (Director of the
Environment Improvement Office for the Usage of Telecommunications),
Nakamizo (Assistant Director of the Environment Improvement Office
for the Usage of Telecommunications), Osuga (Assistant Director of the
Environment Improvement Office for the Usage of Telecommunications)

4 Outline of proceedings:

(1) Opening

(2) The subject of cookies

(3) Outline of the law for the protection of personal information

(4) Major discussions regarding the telecommunications service sector in
the legislative deliberations for the Personal Information Protection
Law, etc.

(5) Summary report on the ODR experiment results

(6) Current status of the handling of personal information and the protection
of the confidentiality of communications in foreign countries

(7) Overseas investigations

(8) Closing

5 Major discussions

- Cookies may be considered as personal information under the Personal Information Protection Law when names of individuals are included in the information.
- Isn't there any law in Japan that corresponds to the Children Online Privacy Protection Act of the United States?
- The Personal Information Protection Law has been enacted by the Diet, but related additional resolutions state that individual laws require analysis. In this respect, what exactly do the "information communications" stated in the law cover? They seem to be wider in scope than just "telecommunications".
- In order to achieve results with ODR (Online Alternative Dispute Resolution), it seems essential to make the existence of the system for dispute solution familiar to the general public.
- To ensure implementation of the ODR experiment, it was decided at the final stage to proceed under its real name.
- How should we consider the cost burden on ODR users?
- In our investigations abroad, it would be better to examine how US companies handle their privacy policies.

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