

**Summary of Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Round Table
Conference on the Privacy of Information in the
Telecommunications Service Sector**

1 Date and Time: August 5 (Tue) 2003 18:00 to 20:00

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

3 Attendees:

(1)Members

Kazuko Otani, Hiroyuki Kuwako, Kazunori Kohai, Hitoshi Saeki, Kazuteru Tagaya (Acting Chairman), Masahiro Tajima, Nobuo Tezuka, Masahiko Takada (by proxy), Naoya Bessho, Masao Horibe, Shigeki Matsui, 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), Oku (Director of Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division), Nakamizo (Assistant Director of the Environment Improvement Office for the Usage of Telecommunications), Shibuya (Assistant Director of Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division), Okawa (Assistant Director of the Telecommunications Consumer Policy Division)

4 Outline of proceedings

- (1) Opening
- (2) Overseas investigation report
- (3) Current status of the handling of personal information by telecommunications operators
- (4) Closing

5 Major discussions

(The Secretariat explained about the US investigation report and European investigation report from the information in the documents.)

- In the United States there is a system that allows privacy groups to help individuals who want to request disclosure of transmitter information but

do not know how to go about it.

- While there is a movement toward restricting spam mail by law in the United States as well, they are reluctant to introduce opt-in as a measure against spam mails.
- In Germany, what kind of discussions are being conducted to make the right to request disclosure of transmitter information logically justifiable? (A telecommunications operator explained the current status of the handling of personal information based on the documents.)
- Cellular phone companies are developing business via agents, and they are instructing their agents to ensure strict management of personal information.
- Once the Personal Information Protection Law is enforced, the handling of information obtained by operators will become an issue. It seems necessary to examine how we should handle personal information in terms of the Personal Information Protection Law, which is expected to be enforced in April 2005.

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