

Minute Summary of the 3rd Meeting of the Study Group on Information Communication Technology for Realizing a Safe and Secure Society

1. Date and time: July 10 (Mon), 2006 11:00 to 12:00

2. Location: Special Conference Room 4, Mita Common Chamber

3. Attendees

(Members, Honorifics omitted)

Tadao Saito, Yoshihisa Onishi, Shingo Omori, Yujiro Ogawa, Ryosuke Shibazaki, Fumio Takahata, Kazuo Hisa, Yasushi Horikawa, Harue Maeno, Masuteru Murozaki, Hiroyuki Morikawa, Masaki Watanabe

(Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

Matsumoto (Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination), Nishimoto (Director of Space Communications Policy Division), Takeuchi (Chief of Research and Development Office), Saito (Assistant to Space Communications Policy Division), Onaga (Assistant to Research and Development Office), et al.

In addition to the above, about 20 people from manufacturers, business operators and related ministries and agencies participated as observers.

4. Agenda

- (1) Draft Interim Report
- (2) Guideline for the future

5. Proceedings

<Agenda (1) Draft Interim Report>

After the leader of each Working Group reported the results of their studies, the Secretariat introduced “short stories.” The outlines of major comments were as given below:

- All of the issues compiled in the Interim Report are critical. It is a significant outcome that the importance of promoting studies from the technical aspect was explained and that the message was delivered to encourage cooperation toward that. Further diversified discussions are required in the future.
- It appears to be important for us, as an issue to be addressed in the future, to make tougher systems for disaster control, since vulnerable systems won't work.
- (In response to the comment that building tougher systems is necessary) The Interim Report incorporates the idea of also making daily-use systems available at times of disaster. This will help bring substitute systems in case of damage.
- It seems better for us to study, so that we will be able to trace the relationship between the research project and the relevant piece in the short stories.
- It would be better for us to compare our initiatives with those of overseas countries from several aspects to make it easier to understand what are lacking in Japan.

- The achievement is that the complete picture presented in this meeting allows us to see each study's position in the entire picture.
- Short stories may require some ideas to become more appealing. Please discuss hereafter what can be done to make much of the short stories.
- In order for people to envisage a view of the near future through the short stories, it may be effective to animate or dramatize them.
- The launching of ETS-VIII (Engineering Test Satellite-VIII) is expected by the end of this year. We sincerely hope that you develop and test applications for disaster prevention.
- The uniqueness of the Interim Report is that discussions took into consideration technologies in the future as well. In carrying out demonstration experiments, it is important to picture the technologies expected to emerge in 2010 and in 2015.

Following comments by committee members and observers, the Draft Interim Report was approved with no special revision.

<Agenda (2) Guideline for the future>

The Secretariat explained the guideline for the future. The major comments from the committee members and observers regarding the guidelines for the future are outlined below:

- In the discussion of the measures for promoting dissemination, it is necessary to discuss the role sharing between public and private sectors.
- Regarding the initiative to make cellular terminals available in emergencies, please take into consideration standardization not only in Japan, but also in the world.

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