



## Section 6 Trends Abroad

### 1. Information and communications market abroad

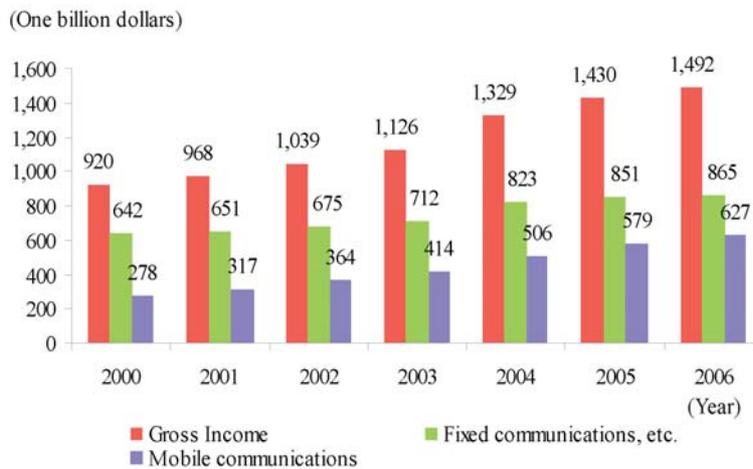
In 2006, total sales of telecommunications services worldwide reached 1.4920 trillion dollars, showing a constant growth (Graph 2-9).

### 2. Diffusion of telephones and the internet

The number of fixed phones lines and mobile

phones in 2007 was 1.28 billion and 3.29 billion, respectively. The number of subscribers to mobile phones has been continuously exceeding the number of subscribers to fixed phones since 2002. The number of subscribers to mobile phones has reached about 2.5 times of that of fixed phones in 2007. The number of Internet users has also been on the rise, reaching 1.47 billion in 2007 (up 21.2% from the previous year) (Graph 2-10).

**Fig. 2-9 Sales of telecommunications services**



**Fig. 2-10 Numbers of subscriptions to fixed phones and mobile phones, and number of internet users**

