

Section 3 Telecommunications Sector

1. Telecommunications market

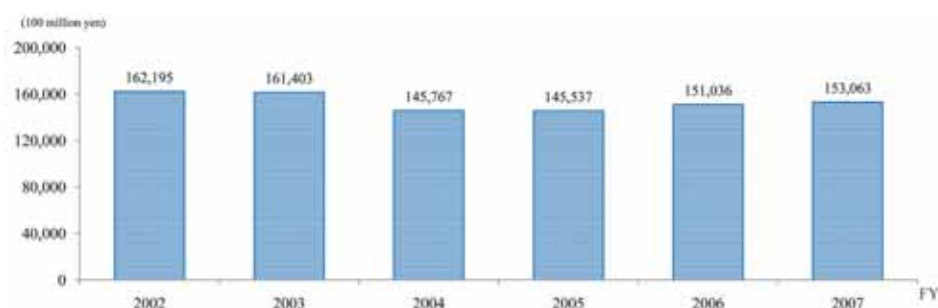
Sales of Japan's telecommunications sector remained largely unchanged in 2007, with 153.063 trillion yen (year-on-year increase of 1.3%) (figure 4-5).

2. Telecommunications service

When looking at the number of subscriptions for

telecommunications services, fixed communications (subscription telephone and ISDN) are decreasing, whereas IP phones and mobile communications subscriptions (cellular phones and PHS) are on the increase. At the end of fiscal year 2008, the number of mobile communications subscriptions (112.05 million subscriptions) reached approximately 2.4 times of that of fixed communications subscriptions (47.30 million subscriptions) (figure 4-6).

Figure 4-5 Changes in the sales of telecommunications sector



Compiled from the 2007 Basic Survey on the Communications and Broadcasting Industry, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Figure 4-6 Changes in the number of subscriptions to fixed communications and mobile communications



Compiled from the Subscription to Telecommunications Services (end of March 2009), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications