



# Outline of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs).
- Its main missions are: **(1) the international allocation of radio frequencies, (2) the standardization of telecommunications, and (3) the development and improvement of telecommunications in developing countries**
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland, **with 194 Member States**
- Japan has **served as one of the 48 members of the ITU Council since 1959.**
- Japan is the second-largest financial contributor to the ITU after the United States, with an assessed contribution of 30 units (approximately 1.6 billion yen).
- Yoshio Utsumi, formerly of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, served as Secretary-General from 1999 to 2006.
- **Seizo Onoe**, formerly of NTT, has been serving as **Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau since 2023.**

