

Japan's Track Record

Japan has been a member of the organization from its very earliest days, having joined International Telegraph Union, ITU's predecessor, in 1879.

Since 1959, Japan has had the honor of being elected to the Council on every occasion and has committed itself to fully supporting ITU's role in the telecommunications field. Being one of the member states with the highest number of contributory units is just one example of this commitment. Japan is firmly determined to continue its active involvement in the activities of ITU.

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Japan, a candidate for ITU Council, continues to work with ITU and ITU Memberships towards achieving the Digital Connected World and the SDGs.

Realization of the Digital Connected World

Japan believes that Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is a key component to achieve the “Digital Connected World” where people and things are globally and seamlessly connected anytime and anywhere. Progress in the Global Digital Connectivity empowers and facilitates various innovations towards economic development and social evolutions.

The Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 is a great opportunity to see Japan’s “OMOTENASHI”, the spirit of hospitality, through emerging ICT technologies and services of coming the Digital Connected World, including:

- supporting smooth travel by multilingual speech translation and face recognition entry;
- eliminating connection barriers and the stress of users by public free WiFi and 5G;
- realistic experience by 4K/8K broadcasting and digital signage.

We welcome you to come to our country.

Cooperation on addressing global challenges for accomplishing the SDGs

Global challenges including climate change, extreme poverty and pandemics are growing serious, but we utilize ICT to mitigate such difficulties.

A disaster wipes out the achievements of long-term development by destroying economic and social infrastructure instantly and obstructs the efforts of the international community for poverty eradication and sustainable development. Japan has experienced numerous disasters to date, and renewed this recognition from the experience of the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011.

Resilient ICT infrastructures and services have the capability of connection between you, your family, your friends and persons you love even during an emergency. Japan would like to share our experience of recoveries and knowledge of disaster

management such as early warning, emergency telecommunication and disaster relief, with the world.

Additionally, we hosted a high-level discussion addressing primary questions related to ICT policy and measurement, including the potential of ICT as a driver of innovation and entrepreneurship, in both developed and developing countries at the 13th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium 2015 (WTIS-15) in Hiroshima City in Japan and played a significant role in improving participants’ awareness of the importance of collaboration to accelerate bridging the digital divide.



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