

# Toward Flexibility for a New Wireless Age

Wireless technology has come to be regarded as an indispensable means for making the society of the twenty-first century better, safer, and more convenient. However, issues raised by emerging technologies are becoming ever more numerous, complicated, and time-consuming.

Through his experience in ITU activities, Dr. ITO feels that the world is changing faster than we think and that the Radio Regulations Board has an increasingly important role to play in balancing the requirements of purely regulatory aspects and business. He strongly believes that this objective can only be achieved through the flexible and thoughtful application of radio regulations.

## Background to Dr. ITO's Candidacy for Re-Election

Dr. ITO has 25 years' experience in R&D laboratories and 15 years' experience in actual business. He served as Executive Vice President & CTO of KDDI from 2005 to 2009, piloting the company's entire engineering activities.

After his long career in the telecommunication business, Dr. ITO was elected as a member of the Radio Regulations Board in 2010, receiving the highest number of votes in the Asian region.

Dr. ITO has been extremely active in ITU work over the years and has played a leading role in the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) and Radiocommunication Assembly (RA). During his long tenure as Chair of the ITU-R Study Group 4 from 1997 to 2003, he earned wide respect for being a most impartial chairperson.

After being elected as a member of the RRB, Dr. ITO has contributed to making decisions on important subjects, proposing fundamental ideas to interpret the provisions of the Radio Regulations taking into account the spirit of the ITU Constitution.

In view of this wealth of experience, and the emergence of new environments in radiocommunication, Dr. ITO is very well qualified to serve as a Board Member of the ITU.

## Professional Experience

2007–present: Chairman of the Board, KDDI Foundation  
2007–9: Chairman of the Board, KDDI Laboratories  
2005–9: Executive Vice President of KDDI Co., Ltd.  
2002–5: COO, Solution Sector, KDDI  
2000–2: Managing Director, Engineering & Mobile  
1995–2000: General Manager, Wireless Business of KDD  
1970–95: R&D Laboratories, KDD



**Dr. Yasuhiko Ito**

## ITU Experience

- Radio Regulation Board (2011–present)
- Chairman, Radiocommunication Assembly (2003)
- Chairman, SG4, ITU-R (1997–2003)
- Vice-Chairman, SG4, ITU-R (1993–97)
- Chairman, WG 5B, WRC-97
- Chairman, WG 5C, WRC-95
- Chairman, WG 4A, WARC-ORB88

## Education

1981 PhD, Waseda University, Japan  
1976 Master of Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, USA  
1971 Master of Engineering, Waseda University, Japan  
1969 Bachelor of Engineering, Waseda University, Japan

## Publications (in Japanese)

Low Earth Orbit Satellite Telecommunication Systems (IEICE, Japan, 1999)  
Basics and Applications in Satellite Communications (Baifukan, Japan, 1996)  
International Telecommunication Networks (IEICE, Japan, 1994)

## Awards

Japanese Government's Medal of Honor with Purple Ribbon in recognition of his numerous telecom achievements and contributions, 2004  
ITU Silver Medal in recognition of his contributions to ITU-R, 2003