50-Year History of the ITU Association of Japan

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[1971 – 1983]

Year	The ITU Association of Japan		International Telecommunication Union (ITU) In bold: Events for which ITU-AJ supported the Japanese Secretariat, or an exhibition.
1971	The ITU Association of Japan founded Office established in Minato Ward, Tokyo Touki HACHIFUJI assumes Presidency ITU Club established First issue of "International Telecommunication Union and Japan" First issue of "ITU Study" 1971 "International Telecommunication Union and Japan" first issue 1971 "ITU Study" first issue	1971 ITU-AJ Office established Seminars on CCITT (currently ITU-T) started Seminars on ITU Constitution started (until 1973) Seminars on Broadcast Satellite started (until 2000) Seminars on Planning Committee started (until 1986) Seminars on Agreement relating to the International telecommunications satellite organization "INTELSAT" started (until 1972) Lecture series started (until 2000)	World Telecom 71 (Geneva) First event * First event
1972	ITU-AJ Awards established	Seminars on ITU Business Practices started Seminars on CCIR (currently ITU-R) started	CCITT 5 th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1973	First ITU-AJ Awards Ceremony Donated two 8.0m × 3.6m tapestries of white plum blossoms and autumn leaves to ITU headquarters	Panel discussions started (until 1989)	• PP (Malaga, Torremolinos)
1974		Seminars on Fundamental Problem of ITU started (until 2011) Seminars on Special Interest started (until 1986)	CCIR 13 th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1975			World Telecom 75 (Geneva)
1976	ITU Chronology issued (commemorating fifth anniversary of the ITU-AJ)		CCITT 6 th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1977		1973 Tapestry donation (white plum blossoms)	
1978			CCIR 14 th Plenary Assembly (Kyoto)
1979	A Short History of the ITU published (commemorating 100 th anniversary of Japan's ITU member status)	1973 Tapestry donation (autumn leaves)	WARC-79 (Geneva) World Telecom 79 (Geneva)
1980			CCITT 7 th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1981		ССПТ	
1982	Japanese translation of CCITT Recommendations (Yellow Book) issued	# + 1.17 A A P M AT	PP (Nairobi) CCIR 15 th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1983	Received the Prime Minister's Award (in the UN World Communications Year) Moved to the Watanabe Bijutsu Building in Nishishimbashi, Minato Ward, Tokyo	1982 CCITT Recommendations (Yellow Book) Japanese translation	World Telecom 83 (Geneva)

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1984		(S)	CCITT 8 th Plenary Assembly (Malaga, Torremolinos)
1985	Asia Teletech Organization (ATO) established	THE MISSING LINK	Missing Link Report World Telecommunication Forum (Washington, DC) WTDC (Arusha)
1986		1985 Missing Link Report	CCIR 16 th Plenary Assembly (Dubrovnik)
1987	World Communications Development Organiza- tion—Japan (WORC-J) established	Seminars on International Cooperation started (until 2000)	World Telecom 87 (Geneva)
1988	ATO merges into WORC-J WORC-J Regional Cooperation Committee established Shigeo SAWADA assumes Presidency First issue of the quarterly, "WORC-JAPAN Journal" WORC-JAPAN sent specialists to join technical cooperation project in Tanzania, at the request of ITU Center for Telecommunication Development Sent research team to CCITT 9 th Plenary Assembly and WATTC'88 (Melbourne) Moved to the Nihon Chemical Building in Nishishimbashi, Minato Ward, Tokyo	Seminars on ITU (special courses) started Seminars on International cooperation promotion started 1989 "New Breeze" first issue 1989 Telecom Tokyo Forum Telecom Tokyo Forum started Special APT training course on optical fiber technology started	CCITT 9 th Plenary Assembly (Melbourne) WATTC (Melbourne)
1989	ITU-AJ designated as a special non-profit foundation Signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation between ITU-AJ and Korea Telecom Technology Association (TTA) First issue of English-language journal, "New Breeze"		PP (Nice) * Makoto MIURA selected as member of the International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB) ITU-COM89 (Geneva)
1990	Sent observers to CCIR Plenary Assembly and a survey of telecommunication situation in Eastern Europe, and participated in ITU 125 th anniversary ceremony, and planting of a commemorative cherry tree. Donated 20 sapling cherry trees and a conference table to ITU headquarters to mark ITU's 125 th anniversary WORC-JAPAN issues telephone cards to assist fundraising for ITU Center for Telecommunication Development (CTD) Minoru SHIOYA assumes Presidency WORC-J International Awards established	1990 Planting the commemorative cherry tree 1990 Conference table donation	CCIR 17 th Plenary Assembly (Düsseldorf) CCITT SG XVIII Matsuyama Meeting
1991	Received Commemorative plate from the ITU for contributions to ITU activities "The International Telecommunication Union and Japan" changed to the "Journal of the ITU Association of Japan Exhibited at World Telecom 91 Book Fair Published Japanese translation of "ITU of tomorrow: Toward reform (High-level committee)" in "ITU Study" journal	Group training course in rural telecom engineering started, on behalf of JICA 1991 Journal name changed from "The International Telecommunication Union and Japan" to the "Journal of the ITU Association of Japan"	CCIR WP4s Tokyo meeting, WP9s Kobe meeting World Telecom 91 (Geneva)

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1992	ITU-AJ merged with WORC-J to form the New ITU Association of Japan Inc. Moved to Kyodo Building, Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo		APP-92 (Geneva) WARC-92 (Malaga, Torremolinos)
1993	Membership in ITU-T, ITU-R, and ITU-D sectors Tetsuo MORIMOTO assumes Presidency Received Award from Minister of Posts and Telecommunications during Japan's Telecom Week Merged "ITU Study" into the "Journal of the ITU Association of Japan" publications Exhibited publications jointly with ITU at the 24th Union Radio-Scientifique Internationale (URST) General Assembly held in Kyoto		• WTSC-93 (Helsinki) • RA-93, WRC-93 (Geneva)
1994	Held series of seminars organized in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia, jointly with the Asia Electronics Union (AEU) World Telecom Visual Data Book, first issue	Seminars on ITU-R started Kansai Telecom Symposium held 1994 PP-94 (Kyoto)	• PP-94 (Kyoto) • WTDC-94 (Buenos Aires)
1995		1994	RA-95, WRC-95 (Geneva) World Telecom 95 (Geneva)
1996	Haruki MATSUNO assumes Presidency Started Recommendation print service as agent of ITU Web site established	World Telecom Visual Data Book, first issue	• WTSC-96 (Geneva) • WTPF-1996
1997			RA-97, WRC-97 (Geneva) Telecom Interactive (Geneva)
1998	Mitsuo IGARASHI assumes Presidency	1998 Yoshio UTSUMI	PP-98 (Minneapolis) * Yoshio UTSUMI selected as Secretary- General of the ITU WTDC-98 (Valletta) WTPF-1998
1999	Donated the tapestry of Mt. Fuji to ITU headquarters to mark the inauguration of the new ITU Montbrillant Building	selected as Secretary- General of the ITU	Telecom 99 + Telecom Interactive 99 (Geneva)
2000	Changed name to the ITU Association of Japan, Inc. Masato SHINAGAWA assumes Presidency	1999 Donation of Mt. Fuji tapestry	• RA-2000, WRC-2000 (Istanbul) • WTSA-2000 (Montreal)
2001	Moved to Kanda KS Building in Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo	Seminars on Digital Opportunity started (until 2003) Seminars on ITU Business started	• WTPF-01
2002	Amateur Radio Station, 8J1ITU established, commemorating World Telecommunication and Information Society Day Signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation between ITU-AJ and the United States ITU Association (USITUA) Signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation between ITU-AJ and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute of Modern Technologies (ACCIMT) Received letter of thanks for ITU Activity contributions to World Telecommunication Day Masahito TANI assumes Presidency	Seminars on International Conference Practice started	• WTDC-02 (Istanbul) • PP-02 (Marrakesh)

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2003	Kaoru KANAZAWA assumes Presidency 2003 APG03-5 (Tokyo)	OS Forum started 2003 WSIS-03 (Geneva) 2003 WSIS Asia-Pacific Region Meeting (Tokyo)	WSIS Asia-Pacific Region Meeting (Tokyo) APG03-5 (Tokyo) RA-03, WRC-03 (Geneva) ITU Telecom World 2003 (Geneva) WSIS-03 (Geneva) *First holding of World Telecommunication & Information Society Summit
2004		ITU-T Director Houlin Zhao visits Japan, gives special lectures	WTSA-04 (Florianopolis)
	First "Kore de Wakaru ITU", a guide book for ITU, issued Hiroshi MATSUI assumes Presidency	"Networking of rural community Information infrastructure" group-training course organized on behalf of JICA	WSIS Thematic Meeting "Tokyo Ubiquitous Network Conference" WSIS-05 (Tunis)
2005	2005 "Kore de Wakaru ITU", guide book for ITU	2005 WSIS Thematic Meeting "Tokyo Ubiq- uitous Network Conference"	
2006	"ITU Journal" first colored issue	Follow-up seminars started 2006 PP-06 (Antalya)	PP-06 (Antalya) *World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WTISD) established ITU Telecom World (Hong Kong) *First time held outside of Geneva WTDC-06 (Doha) IGF Meeting (Athens)
2007	Dedicated member Web pages established Kanichiro ARITOMI assumes Presidency		• RA-07, WRC-07 (Geneva)
2008	Provided support for ITU Symposium on ICT and Climate Change (Kyoto)		Kaleidoscope (Geneva) *First meeting WTSA-08 (Johannesburg)
2009	Kiyoshi MORI assumes Presidency	2008 ITU Symposium on ICT 2008 WTSA-08 and Climate Change (Kyoto) (Johannesburg)	ITU Telecom World 2009 (Geneva) WTPF-09
2010	2010 WTDC-10 (Hyderabad)	On-site seminars started	PP-10 (Guadalajara) *Yasuhiko ITO selected as member of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) WTDC-10 (Hyderabad)
2011	Changes legal status to General Incorporated Foundation	Seminars on Telecommunication Policy started	ITU Telecom World 2011 (Geneva)
2012	Yasuo SUZUKI assumes Presidency Journal of the ITU Association of Japan editions unified to Web edition Moved to BN Gyoen Building, Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo	Liaison Meetings for ITU Conference Information started	WTSA-12 (Dubai) RA-12, WRC-12 (Geneva) ITU Telecom World 2012 (Dubai) WCIT-12 (Dubai)
2013	Michiaki OGASAWARA assumes Presidency 2013 WP5D (Sapporo)	ITU-R International Meeting Experience High-level seminars started ITU-T International Meeting Experience High-level seminars started ITU Telecom World & Myanmar Information and Communications Trends Study	ITU-T SG3 RG-AO (Tokyo) ITU Kaleidoscope (Kyoto) WP5D (Sapporo) ITU Telecom World 2013 (Bangkok) WTPF-13

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2014	Signed Memorandum of Understanding between ITU-AJ and ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI)	Reviewed Seminars of Telecommunication Policy, started Seminars on ICT Reviewed Seminars on ICT Reviewed Seminars on ICT Reviewed Seminars on ICT Reviewed Seminars on ICT	WTDC-14 (Dubai) WSIS-10 High-level Event 2014 (Geneva) APT WDMC-5 (Tokyo) ITU-T SG16 (Sapporo) PP-14 (Busan) ITU Telecom World 2014 (Doha)
2015	2015 International Negotiation "Performative Seminars" started 2015 World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS)(Hiroshima)	Seminars for International Negotiation Techniques started International Negotiation "Performative Seminars" started	ITU 150 th Anniversary year AWG-18 (Kyoto) WSIS Forum 2015 (Geneva) RA-15, WRC-15 (Geneva) ITU Telecom World (Budapest) WTIS-15 (Hiroshima, with 12-organization exhibit)
2016		Seminars on International Standardization Strategic Business Utilization held 2016 PRF-16 (Tokyo) 2016 PRF-16 (Tokyo)	PRF-16 (Tokyo) WTSA-16 (Yasmin Hammamet) ITU Telecom World (Bangkok)
2017	Supported 19 th International Space Radio Monitoring Meeting (ISRMM-19)	2010111-10 (10kyc)	ITU Telecom World (Busan) WTDC-17 (Buenos Aires)
2018	Toru FUKUOKA assumes Presidency	2018 WP5D (Fukuoka) 2018 PP-18 (Dubai)	ITU Telecom World (Durban) WP5D (Fukuoka, with 5-organization exhibitions) PP-18 (Dubai) * Akira HASHIMOTO selected as member of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB)
2019	Toshiyuki MINAMI assumes Presidency 2019 APG19-5 (Tokyo)	2019 ITU Telecom World (Budapest) 2019 WRC (Sharm el-Sheikh)	APG19-5 (Tokyo, with 8-organization exhibitions) ITU Telecom World (Budapest) RA-19, WRC-19 (Sharm el-Sheikh)
2020	Telework begins (Since April) World Telecommunication & Information Society Day Ceremony postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic then held (May to October) Tetsuo YAMAKAWA assumes Presidency Supported the Beyond 5G Kick-off Online Symposium	Liaison Meeting for ITU Conference Information held online (including participants from Geneva, Bangkok, and California) 2020 WTISD Ceremony post-poned, then held (May to October)	Digital World (Hanoi) held online WTSA-20 (Hyderabad) postponed
2021	Supported Japan Platform for Driving Digital Development (JPD3) (online) Supported MIC MRA International Workshop 2021 (online) Held Ceremony celebrating 50 th Anniversary of ITU-AJ	 Number of seminars held (as of Aug. 31, 2021): 2,117 Number of regular publications (as of Aug. 31, 2021): "International Telecommunications Union and Japan": 232 issues "ITU Study" 265 issues "ITU Journal": 368 issues (including its predecessor, "International Telecommunications Union and Japan," 600 issues) "New Breeze": 131 issues 	Digital World (Hanoi)(online) WTDC-21 (Addis Ababa) postponed

- *1 Based on ITU internal survey data,etc.

*2 Abbreviations
WARC: World Administrative Radio Conference
CCITT:Consultative Committee on International Telegraphy and Telephony

PP: Plenipotentiary Conference

CCIR: Consultative Committee on International Radio
WTDC: World Telecommunication Development Conference
WATTC: World Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference
APP: Additional Plenipotentiary Conference

WTSC: World Telecommunication Standardization Conference

RA: Radiocommunication Assembly

WRC: World Radiocommunication Conference
WTPF: World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum
WTSA: World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly
APG: APT Conference Preparatory Group
WSIS: World Summit on the Information Society

IGF: Internet Governance Forum

WCIT: World Conference on International Telecommunications
APT WDMC: APT Workshop on Disaster Management/Communications
WTIS: World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium
PRF: APT Policy and Regulatory Forum
ISRMM: International Space Radio Monitoring Meeting

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