










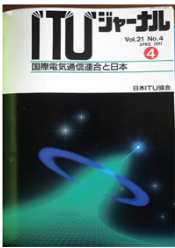


50-Year History of the ITU Association of Japan

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[1971 – 1983]

Year	The ITU Association of Japan	International Telecommunication Union (ITU) <small>In bold: Events for which ITU-AJ supported the Japanese Secretariat, or an exhibition.</small>
1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"  <p>1971 "International Telecommunication Union and Japan" first issue</p>  <p>1971 "ITU Study" first issue</p>  <p>1971 ITU-AJ Office established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WARC-71 (Geneva) World Telecom 71 (Geneva) * First event
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITU-AJ Awards established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCITT 5th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First ITU-AJ Awards Ceremony Donated two 8.0m × 3.6m tapestries of white plum blossoms and autumn leaves to ITU headquarters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PP (Malaga, Torremolinos)
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminars on Fundamental Problem of ITU started (until 2011) Seminars on Special Interest started (until 1986) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCIR 13th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1975		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Telecom 75 (Geneva)
1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITU Chronology issued (commemorating fifth anniversary of the ITU-AJ) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCITT 6th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1977	 <p>1973 Tapestry donation (white plum blossoms)</p>	
1978	 <p>1973 Tapestry donation (autumn leaves)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCIR 14th Plenary Assembly (Kyoto)
1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Short History of the ITU published (commemorating 100th anniversary of Japan's ITU member status) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WARC-79 (Geneva) World Telecom 79 (Geneva)
1980		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCITT 7th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1981		
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese translation of CCITT Recommendations (Yellow Book) issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PP (Nairobi) CCIR 15th Plenary Assembly (Geneva)
1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the Prime Minister's Award (in the UN World Communications Year) Moved to the Watanabe Bijutsu Building in Nishi-shimbashi, Minato Ward, Tokyo  <p>1982 CCITT Recommendations (Yellow Book) Japanese translation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Telecom 83 (Geneva)

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1984	 <p>1985 Missing Link Report</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCITT 8th Plenary Assembly (Malaga, Torremolinos)
1985			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia Teletech Organization (ATO) established
1986			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCIR 16th Plenary Assembly (Dubrovnik)
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Communications Development Organization—Japan (WORC-J) established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars on International Cooperation started (until 2000) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Telecom 87 (Geneva)
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 9th Plenary Assembly and WATTC'88 (Melbourne) • Moved to the Nihon Chemical Building in Nishi-shimbashi, Minato Ward, Tokyo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars on ITU (special courses) started • Seminars on International cooperation promotion started   <p>1989 "New Breeze" first issue 1989 Telecom Tokyo Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCITT 9th Plenary Assembly (Melbourne) • WATTC (Melbourne)
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telecom Tokyo Forum started • Special APT training course on optical fiber technology started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP (Nice) • * Makoto MIURA selected as member of the International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB) • ITU-COM89 (Geneva)
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent observers to CCIR Plenary Assembly and a survey of telecommunication situation in Eastern Europe, and participated in ITU 125th 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 125th 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 	  <p>1990 Planting the commemorative cherry tree 1990 Conference table donation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCIR 17th Plenary Assembly (Düsseldorf) • CCITT SG XVIII Matsuyama Meeting
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCIR WP4s Tokyo meeting, WP9s Kobe meeting • World Telecom 91 (Geneva)  <p>1991 Journal name changed from "The International Telecommunication Union and Japan" to the "Journal of the ITU Association of Japan"</p>

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1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITU-AJ merged with WORC-J to form the New ITU Association of Japan Inc. Moved to Kyodo Building, Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APP-92 (Geneva) WARC-92 (Malaga, Torremolinos)
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTSC-93 (Helsinki) RA-93, WRC-93 (Geneva)
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PP-94 (Kyoto) WTDC-94 (Buenos Aires)
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminars on ITU-R started Kansai Telecom Symposium held 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RA-95, WRC-95 (Geneva) World Telecom 95 (Geneva)
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haruki MATSUNO assumes Presidency Started Recommendation print service as agent of ITU Web site established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTSC-96 (Geneva) WTPF-1996
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1994 World Telecom Visual Data Book, first issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RA-97, WRC-97 (Geneva) Telecom Interactive (Geneva)
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitsuo IGARASHI assumes Presidency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PP-98 (Minneapolis) *Yoshio UTSUMI selected as Secretary-General of the ITU WTDC-98 (Valletta) WTPF-1998
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donated the tapestry of Mt. Fuji to ITU headquarters to mark the inauguration of the new ITU Montbrillant Building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telecom 99 + Telecom Interactive 99 (Geneva)
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed name to the ITU Association of Japan, Inc. Masato SHINAGAWA assumes Presidency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RA-2000, WRC-2000 (Istanbul) WTSA-2000 (Montreal)
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved to Kanda KS Building in Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTDC-98 (Valletta) WTPF-1998
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminars on Digital Opportunity started (until 2003) Seminars on ITU Business started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTDC-02 (Istanbul) PP-02 (Marrakesh)
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTDC-98 (Valletta) WTPF-1998

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2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaoru KANAZAWA assumes Presidency  <p>2003 APG03-5 (Tokyo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS Forum started  <p>2003 WSIS-03 (Geneva)</p>  <p>2003 WSIS Asia-Pacific Region Meeting (Tokyo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU-T Director Houlin Zhao visits Japan, gives special lectures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTSA-04 (Florianopolis)
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First "Kore de Wakaru ITU", a guide book for ITU, issued • Hiroshi MATSUI assumes Presidency  <p>2005 "Kore de Wakaru ITU", guide book for ITU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Networking of rural community Information infrastructure" group-training course organized on behalf of JICA  <p>2005 WSIS Thematic Meeting "Tokyo Ubiquitous Network Conference"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSIS Thematic Meeting "Tokyo Ubiquitous Network Conference" • WSIS-05 (Tunis)
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "ITU Journal" first colored issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up seminars started  <p>2006 PP-06 (Antalya)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated member Web pages established • Kanichiro ARITOMI assumes Presidency 	 <p>2008 ITU Symposium on ICT and Climate Change (Kyoto)</p>  <p>2008 WTSA-08 (Johannesburg)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA-07, WRC-07 (Geneva)
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided support for ITU Symposium on ICT and Climate Change (Kyoto) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaleidoscope (Geneva) • *First meeting • WTSA-08 (Johannesburg)
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiyoshi MORI assumes Presidency 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU Telecom World 2009 (Geneva) • WTPF-09
2010	 <p>2010 WTDC-10 (Hyderabad)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site seminars started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP-10 (Guadalajara) • *Yasuhiko ITO selected as member of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB) • WTDC-10 (Hyderabad)
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes legal status to General Incorporated Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars on Telecommunication Policy started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU Telecom World 2011 (Geneva)
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasuo SUZUKI assumes Presidency • Journal of the ITU Association of Japan editions unified to Web edition • Moved to BN Gyoen Building, Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison Meetings for ITU Conference Information started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTSA-12 (Dubai) • RA-12, WRC-12 (Geneva) • ITU Telecom World 2012 (Dubai) • WCIT-12 (Dubai)
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michiaki OGASAWARA assumes Presidency  <p>2013 WP5D (Sapporo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU-T SG3 RG-AO (Tokyo) • ITU Kaleidoscope (Kyoto) • WP5D (Sapporo) • ITU Telecom World 2013 (Bangkok) • WTPF-13

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2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed Memorandum of Understanding between ITU-AJ and ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed Seminars of Telecommunication Policy, started Seminars on ICT  <p>2014 PP-14 (Busan)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	 <p>2015 International Negotiation "Performative Seminars" started</p>  <p>2015 World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS)(Hiroshima)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminars for International Negotiation Techniques started International Negotiation "Performative Seminars" started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITU 150th 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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seminars on International Standardization Strategic Business Utilization held  <p>2016 PRF-16 (Tokyo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRF-16 (Tokyo) WTSA-16 (Yasmin Hammamet) ITU Telecom World (Bangkok)
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported 19th International Space Radio Monitoring Meeting (ISRMM-19) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITU Telecom World (Busan) WTDC-17 (Buenos Aires)
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toru FUKUOKA assumes Presidency 	 <p>2018 WP5D (Fukuoka)</p>  <p>2018 PP-18 (Dubai)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toshiyuki MINAMI assumes Presidency 	 <p>2019 APG19-5 (Tokyo)</p>  <p>2019 ITU Telecom World (Budapest)</p>  <p>2019 WRC (Sharm el-Sheikh)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APG19-5 (Tokyo, with 8-organization exhibitions) ITU Telecom World (Budapest) RA-19, WRC-19 (Sharm el-Sheikh)
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison Meeting for ITU Conference Information held online (including participants from Geneva, Bangkok, and California)  <p>2020 WTISD Ceremony postponed, then held (May to October)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital World (Hanoi) held online WTSA-20 (Hyderabad) postponed
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Japan Platform for Driving Digital Development (JPD3) (online) Supported MIC MRA International Workshop 2021 (online) Held Ceremony celebrating 50th Anniversary of ITU-AJ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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