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**PLENARY MEETING**

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**Note by the Secretary-General**

**CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION  
STANDARDIZATION BUREAU (TSB)**

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have the pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

**Mr Seizo ONOE (Japan)**

for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union.

Houlin ZHAO  
Secretary-General

**Annex: 1**

**MISSION PERMANENTE DU JAPON**  
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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and, under the instruction of its home Government, has the honour to forward herewith letters to Mr. Houlin ZHAO, Secretary-General of the ITU, from Mr. KANEKO Yasushi, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan, on the candidature of Mr. ONOE Seizo, Chief Standardization Strategy Officer, NTT Corporation, for the post of the Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, and on the candidature for a seat on the ITU Council as a representative Member State for Region E, at the election to be held during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22) that will take place in Bucharest, Romania, from 26 October to 14 October 2022.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Telecommunication Union the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 24 November 2021



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Mr. Houlin ZHAO  
Secretary-General  
International Telecommunication Union

### **Japan's candidature for the post of the Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau**

Dear Secretary-General:

In response to your Circular Letter CL-21/41 of 27 September, 2021, on behalf of the Government of Japan, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of Japan has decided to present the candidature of Mr. ONOE Seizo, Chief Standardization Strategy Officer of NTT Corporation, for the post of the Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, at the election to be held during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22) that will take place in Bucharest, Romania, from 26 September to 14 October 2022.

I strongly support Mr. ONOE's candidacy for the post as the Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau since he has extensive knowledge and experience in communications technology and has long played a leading role in international standardization activities and organization management.

According to the Election Procedures, it is understood that this information, once received, will be immediately circulated to all members of the Union. I have attached a copy of Mr. ONOE's curriculum vitae for that purpose.

Yours sincerely,

KANEKO Yasushi  
Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications

# Curriculum Vitae

Name: ONOE Seizo

Present Title: Chief Standardization Strategy Officer of NTT CORP.  
and Fellow of NTT DOCOMO, INC.

Birth: 12 May 1957; Hyogo, Japan

Nationality: Japanese

Marital Status: Married with 1 daughter and 1 son



## Education and Academic Achievements:

1980 Bachelor of Electronics Engineering, Kyoto University  
1982 Master of Electronics Engineering, Kyoto University

## Professional Experience:

1982 Joined NTT Public Corporation  
1992 Transferred to NTT DOCOMO INC. at its foundation  
2002 Managing Director of the Radio Network Development Department  
2008 Senior Vice President and Managing Director of R&D Strategy Department  
2012 Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President and a Member of the Board of Directors and Managing Director of the R&D Center (later R&D Innovation Division)  
2017 President of DOCOMO Technology, Inc. and Chief Technology Architect of NTT DOCOMO INC  
2021 Chief Standardization Strategy Officer of NTT Corporation and Fellow of NTT DOCOMO, INC.

## Awards:

2007 Accomplishment Award by the ITU Association of Japan  
2008 and 2014 The Commendation for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology  
2018 Medal with Purple Ribbon

# **Background to Mr. ONOE Seizo's candidacy for the Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau**

## **Leading the evolution of generation for the mobile communications network**

Mr. ONOE has played a leading role in both standardization and technology development for the evolution of mobile communication networks. He has been involved in all areas of mobile communication systems, from air interfaces and radio access networks to core networks, network architecture, user equipment and application services and solutions. In the standardization of a third-generation system with an aim for a global unified standard and subsequent generations, he has been active not only in official meetings for standards but also in other venues for advocating concepts to the industry and substantial coordination negotiations. His experience will be a great force for the ITU-T to set out and achieve a new direction.

## **Abundant experience in organization management**

Mr. ONOE has been responsible for leading research and development initiatives at NTT DOCOMO, Japan's largest mobile communications operator. He was Chief Technology Officer from 2012 to 2017 and President of DOCOMO Technology, DOCOMO's subsidiary in charge of technology development, from 2015 to 2021. His excellent management skills enabled both companies not only to establish an innovation framework for mobile network infrastructure and user equipment, but also to expand the business to non-telecom areas through the creation of new services using advanced technologies such as AI and cloud.

## **Active in standardization organizations and forums**

Mr. ONOE has served as a member of the board for the NGMN (Next Generation Mobile Networks) Alliance (2012-2020), as well as a board member and strategy group member of GSMA (GSM Association) (2012-2021). He has also held various positions at the Association of Radio industries and Businesses (ARIB), which is Japan's standard development organization, for example as the Chair of the Standards Assembly (2011-) and the Chair of the International Specification Subcommittee (2003-2005).

## **Work on ITU related activities**

Mr. ONOE has contributed to meetings and conferences including the ITU-R Regional Workshop on "IMT for the Next Decade" (2011), the ITU-T CJK CTOs Meeting (2015), the World Telecommunication ICT Indicators Symposium (2015), the 16th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (2016), and the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (2018). He has also delivered a number of speeches and presentations at ITU Digital World (2021) regarding 5G and digital transformation, 5G standardization and the importance of innovation and best practices in closing the digital divide, and how deployment and investment in broadband can accelerate digital transformation.

## VISION STATEMENT

**Worldwide penetration of technology evolution through timely standardization, for inclusive, sustainable and reliable society with improved people's lives and the sound growth of industries.**

Telecommunications technologies have brought about the information society and promoted digital society around the world, and are supporting the progress of digital transformation. Its impact on people's lives, industries and society has been growing in recent years. ITU-T continues to play a role in ensuring technology evolution and its timely deployment throughout the world.

ITU-T has evolved a standardization process that responds to the speed of technology evolution through cooperation and collaboration with other standardization bodies and forums. ITU-T needs to continue to play a central role in leading standardization by actively reaching out to ITU members and other stakeholders in a horizontally-focused standardization framework.

While upholding its authority and credibility, ITU-T will lead the world to realize better lives for people and grow industries to realize inclusive, sustainable and reliable society with the standards that meet the expectations of people, industry and society.

A time may come when nodes automatically negotiate with each other, releasing the need for standardization. Even in this case, a guide must be provided for efficient and proper operations, and the role of ITU-T will have to evolve further in the long run.

Mr. Onoe's leadership will contribute greatly to the realization of a vision that brings inclusive, sustainable and reliable society through the worldwide spread of technology standards that result in the deployment of meaningful and affordable broadband connections all over the world.

## Commitment

**Open and inclusive program** - Enhance standardization processes and programs with an open manner and diversified inclusion in standardizing digital technology to solve global issues

**New Ecosystem** - Strengthen cooperation and collaboration with stakeholders inside and outside of the ITU in telecommunication standardization that is responsive to technology evolution

**Outreach worldwide** - Deliver the benefits of technology to realize meaningful and affordable broadband access for all people in the world speedily by bridging standardization gaps

**Efficient and Effective management** - Ensure the efficient management of resources to effectively achieve outcomes in a transparent manner

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