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- Session   1   : Panel on Key Elements to Emergency Telecommunications

- Topic   : Contribution of Rural Telecommunications/ICT to effective
                       Disaster relief

- Speaker   : *Yasuhiko Kawasumi*, MIC Japan

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Yasuhiko Kawasumi is Rapporteur for ITU-D SG2 Q10-2/2 on "Telecommunications for rural and remote areas" and is Special Advisor to the ITU Association of Japan. Mr. Yasuhiko Kawasumi started his business carrier at the Japanese overseas telecommunication operator KDD (Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co.Ltd.) in 1961 after graduating from the Electrical Engineering Faculty of KEIO University. His experiences cover the works for the construction of Transpacific Submarine Cable No.1, the maintenance and operation of submarine cable systems and Intelsat satellite systems at the international gateway station of the company, engineering of network management systems, telephone traffic management. He was stationed in Geneva 1972-1976 as the company's representative and attended CCITT, CCIR Plenary Assembly Meetings, World Administrative Radio Conferences (WARC), Administrative Council Meetings and Plenipotentiary Conferences (Nice, Minneapolis and Marrakesh) as a member of Japanese delegation. He contributed to the standardization of G3 facsimile machine in CCITT in late 1970s, 32KbpsADPCM Speech Codec etc.

Mr Kawasumi participated in Maitland Commission meetings as advisor to Dr. Koji Kobayashi in Arusha (Tanzania) and Bali (Indonesia) in 1984 and the Advisory Board meetings of the Centre for Telecommunication Development(CTD) of ITU as an expert. After taking up the position of director of the international affairs department of KDD, he took the posts of secretary general of ITU Association of Japan, Executive Vice President of Kokusai Telecommunication Installation Co. and Secretary General of International Communication Foundation (ICF). He moved to Japan Telecom Co., Ltd. in 1997 and retired at the end of 2005. He is special advisor to the ITUAJ since April 2006.

Yasuhiko Kawasumi was appointed as rapporteur of the Focus Group on topic 7 "New Technologies for Rural Communications" of the ITU-D Study Group 2 in 1999 and submitted the final report on "New Technologies for Rural Applications" to the Study Group 2 of ITU-D and Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) of ITU-D. He was one of the Vice-Chairmen of TDAG (2000-2001) in charge of Rural Communications Development. He is now the rapporteur for Q10-2/2 of ITU SG2 "Teleommunications for Rural and Remote Areas" for the study period 2006-2010. He was Professor for Department of Emergency and Critical Care Medicine in Nakajima Laboratory of Tokai University, Isehara, Kanagawa Prefecture Japan,. for 2002-2005.