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Hiromi Wasai  
Chairman of TTA

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The Telecommunications Association of Japan (TTA) was founded in 1938 to contribute to the development of telecommunication business, technologies, and culture. It has been conducting many activities in pursuit of these objectives for more than 70 years.

Through dissemination, research, and analysis of telecommunication information, the TTA has extended its business trend technology development to people who are engaged in the telecommunication field.

Especially nowadays, the telecommunication field has significantly changed from a conventional style to the more varied and converged style of ICT in accordance with the development of the mobile communication and broadband communication systems. The role of telecommunication has increasingly grown bigger and more important.

The TTA is deeply committed to its role and strives to do its best to cope with the rapid changes in telecommunication while contributing to both TTA members and the general public.

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Name THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (TTA)

Chairman Mr. Hiromi Wasai

Mission Promotion of telecommunications industries and related business.

Foundation Established May 20, 1938 as a non-profit public association approved by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Activities The TTA conducts the following activities related to information and communications technology in Japan.

1. Dissemination and education related to information and communications technology (e.g., conducting seminars, lectures, tours, etc.).
2. Recommendations concerning the conferment of decorations, medals of merit, etc. and the presentation of awards to persons who have made distinguished contributions to the information and communications industry.
3. Publication of the "Telecommunications" bulletin.
4. Exchange and cooperation with overseas organizations.
5. Independent research and exchange related to the information and communications industry.
6. Certification of information and communication technologies for provisioning workers.
7. Planning, editing, and publishing written works related to information and communications technology.

Membership 420 corporate members and 700 individual members, including telecommunication operators, equipment manufacturers, cable-outside plant manufacturers, engineering companies, system integrators, software vendors, and consulting companies.

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1. Dissemination and education related to ICT carried out by conducting seminars, lectures, observation tours, etc. to pursue government policies, business trends, and the latest technologies, as follows:
  - Lectures for all members  
Lectures on timely subjects in conjunction with an informal coffee break for membership relations (approx. 10 times per year).
  - Specific theme committees  
Committees on specific themes for continuous study.
    - Broadband ubiquitous committee (approx. 10 times per year)
    - International business study group (approx. 4 times per year)
    - Contents-application business study group (approx. 4 time per year)
  - Group activities  
Exclusive group study for a network equipment manufacturer, outside plant manufacturer, LAN-customer premises wiring equipment manufacturer, and CPC/power equipment/building manufacturers.
  - Forum activities  
Group study for member companys' employees at the age of around 30 in the form of autonomic research and study on an assigned theme by 10 teams with 10 people per team on a yearly basis with awards for excellence in study and effort. Teams cross both industry and occupational lines.
  - National ICT policies  
Lectures specifically by the Ministry or other governmental agency on the latest ICT policies (approx. 3 times per year).
  - Observatory tours  
Tours of information technology facilities, laboratories, etc. (approx. once a year).
2. Conferment of decorations and medals of merit and presentation of awards
  - Selections and recommendations of the candidates for the conferment of decorations, medals of merit, etc.
  - Recommendation of candidates for the conferment of awards for all relevant public agencies and various organizations, and TTA autonomous presentation of awards to persons who have significantly contributed to the information and communication industry.
  - Presentation of TTA's autonomous awards.
    - Presentation of TTA Awards to industrial leaders who have made distinguished contributions.
    - Presentation of ICT Special Technology Development Awards to people who have contributed the promotion of ICT business by ICT technology development.
    - Presentation of Meritorious Awards to people who have made distinguished contributions to the ICT industry through their field work.

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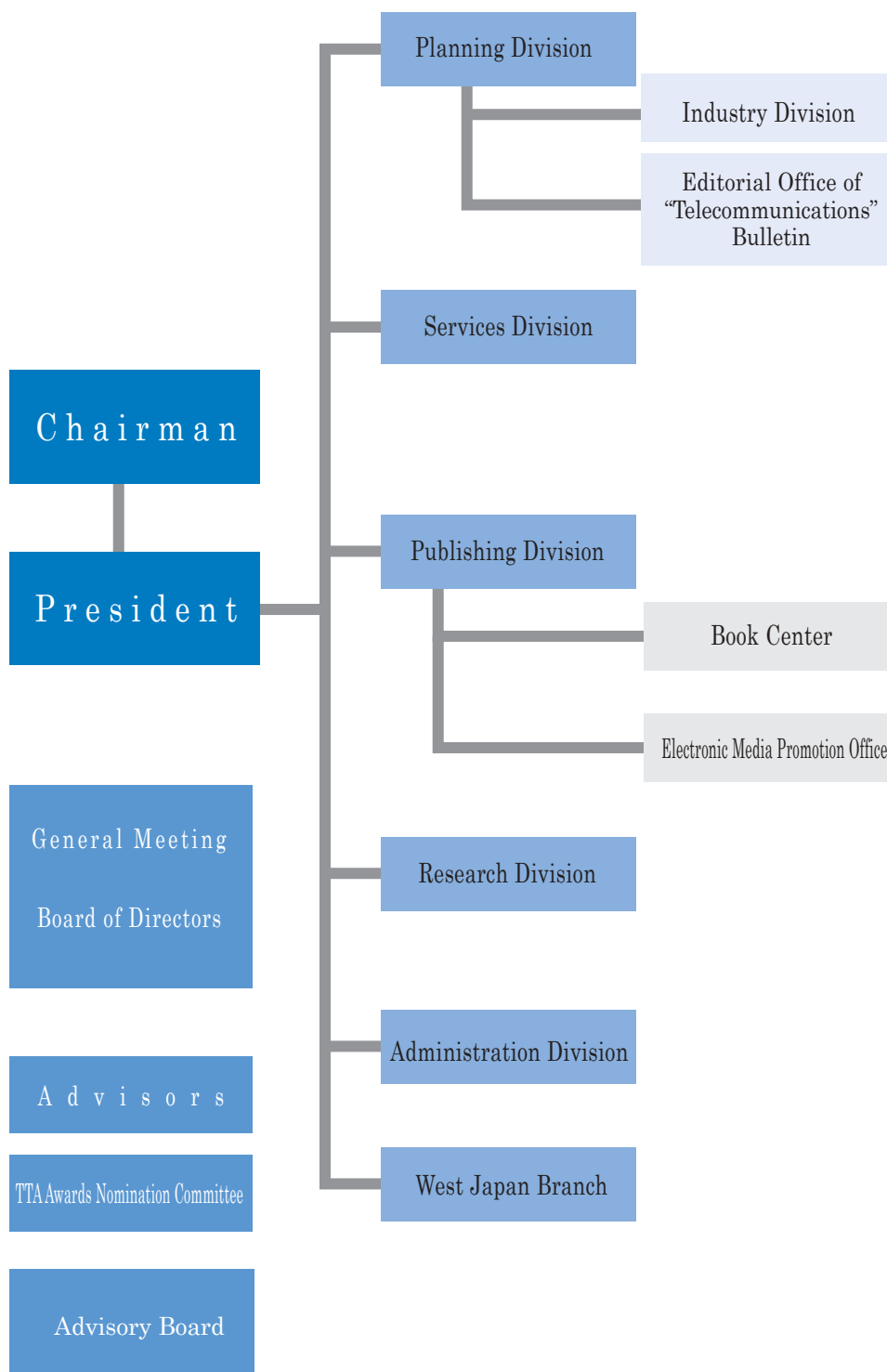
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3. Publication of the “Telecommunications” monthly bulletin  
Publishing trends in information and communications policies, technology, and industries from both Japan and overseas (publishing commenced in November 1938)
  
4. International exchange and international cooperation
  - Mutual exchange with the Telecommunications Association of Thailand (TCT) ( MoU sealed in 1990).
  - Mutual exchange with the China Association of Communication Enterprises (CACE) (MoU sealed in 2007).
  
5. Research and investigation related to the telecom industry with detailed collection of a wide range of information.
  
6. Certification of information and communication technologies for the provisioning workers
  - Accreditation examination for NTT East Corporation
  - Accreditation examination for NTT West Corporation
  - Accreditation examination for NTT Communications Corporation
  
7. Planning, editing, and publishing of written works related to ICT
  - Periodicals
    - “NTT Technical Journal” (monthly publication in Japanese)
    - “NTT DOCOMO Technical Journal” (quarterly publication in Japanese)
    - “Raisers” (bimonthly publication in Japanese)
  - Web Magazine
    - “NTT Technical Review” (monthly publication in English)  
URL: <https://www.ntt-review.jp>
    - “NTT DOCOMO Technical Journal” (quarterly publication in English)  
URL: [http://www.nttdocomo.co.jp/english/corporate/technology/rd/technical\\_journal/index.html](http://www.nttdocomo.co.jp/english/corporate/technology/rd/technical_journal/index.html)
  - Books to obtain national certification
  - Books related to information technology

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## ◆ TTA Historical Outlook

1938.	5	Founding meeting (May 20)
	11	Inauguration of the “Telecommunications” bulletin
1940.	10	Conducting the “Exhibition Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Telegraph, 50th Anniversary of the Telephone, and 15th Anniversary of Broadcasting”
1946.	6	Conducting relief activities for repatriates
1948.	4	Publishing “History of Radio in Japan” (13 volumes)
1951.	10	Conducting the “Exhibition Commemorating 25 Years of Automated Telephone Switching Services”
1957.	7	Conducting “A Gathering of Our Telecommunications” for a public relations activity at schools
1960.	5	Inauguration of the “TTA Awards”
	7	Publishing “Telegraph/Telephone Business History”
1961.	3	Publishing “Telecommunications History” (3 volumes)
1962.	4	Foundation of Japan Data Computing Co., Ltd. (currently Nippon Datacom Co., Ltd.)
1965.	12	Foundation of the preparatory office for pager services
1968.	11	Inauguration of “Meritorious Awards”
1970.	3	Conducting cooperation on the Telecommunications Pavilion at Osaka World Expo
1972.	5	Publishing “Development History of Telecommunications through Native Technology”
1973.	3	Publishing “Sequel volume, History of Radio in Japan”
1977.	12	Publishing “25 Years of NTT History”
1979.	2	Publishing “25 Years of KDD History”
1985.	4	Legislation of “Telecommunications Business Law and related telecommunications laws”
1987.	2	Signing of MoU with the People's Posts and Telecommunications Publishing House
	7	Conducting the “Home Telephone Show '87”
1988.	4	Conducting commemoration lecture for the 50th anniversary of TTA
	5	Inauguration of “TTA Special Awards”
1990.	12	Signing of MoU with the Telecommunications Association of Thailand (TCT)
1994.	6	Proposing “The role of telecommunications in aging society” to the Japanese government
1995.	7	Conducting the “Telecom Seminar Karuizawa”
	10	Conducting Telecom '95 and European Telecommunications Tour
1996.	9	Moving TTA headquarters to Tokyo Opera City Tower
	11	Inauguration of “State-of-the-Art ICT Seminar”
1997.	6	Conducting “Multimedia Seminar” held in Suzhou, China
1998.	6	Succession of services following dissolution of the Japan Telecommunication Industries Federation and Inauguration of industrial division
2001.	5	Inauguration of “Special Technology Development Awards”
2007.	6	Signing of MoU with the China Association of Communication Enterprises
2008.	5	Celebrating the 70th anniversary of TTA
2017.	4	Moving TTA headquarters to Josuikai Building