

# IEEE Kansai Section

## Section Report

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### Part A. Section Summary

#### A-1 Executive Summary

IEEE Kansai Section was established in November 1998. The Bylaws of the Section was approved by RAB on 24 June, 1999 and the first officers were elected in April, 1999.

The number of members of the Kansai Section as of November 30, 1999 was 1472 , which was slight increase compared with that of June 30, 1999. See the list in the Item B-2.

In 1999 the Section had five Executive Meetings, one Annual Section Meeting, one Committee meeting, two technical lectures, and one symposium in co-operation with other institutes. In 2000, we have already had three Executive Meetings, one Annual Section Meeting, two Committee meetings, two technical lectures and two symposia in co-operation.

#### A-2 Section Officers and Committee Officers (1999-2000)

##### Section Officers:

Chair : Tsuneo Nakahara (Sumitomo Electric Industries L.T.D.)  
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Secretary/Treasurer Miki Yamamoto(Osaka University)  
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##### Standing Committee Chairs:

##### Membership Development Committee :

Masaki Koyama (Nara Institute of Science and Technology)  
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##### Student Activities Committee :

Yukihiro Nakamura (Kyoto University)  
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##### Nominating Committee :

Isao Shirakawa (Osaka University)  
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##### Awards Committee :

Hiromasa Haneda (Kobe University)  
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##### Technical Program Committee :

Ryohei Nakatsu (ATR Media Integration and Communications

### A-3 Administrative Meetings

The Kansai Section had the following five executive meeting in 1999.

1. First executive meeting date: June 28 place: Sumitomo Building attendees: 8  
Issues: - Establishment of new Kansai Section  
- Future activities of Kansai Section  
- Future activities of committees of Kansai Section
2. Second executive meeting date: July 27 place: Sumitomo Building attendees: 6  
Issues: - Annual Meeting of Kansai Section
3. Third executive meeting date: September 4 place: Sumitomo Building attendees:  
5  
Issues - Fellow Nominations  
- Activities of each Committee
4. Fourth executive meeting date: October 27 place: Sumitomo Building attendees: 6  
Issues - Report of Section Congress'99  
- Schedule of Technical Lecture
5. Fifth executive meeting date: December 16 place: Sumitomo Building attendees:  
5  
Issues - Fellow Nominations  
- Activities in 1999 of each Committee  
- Establishment of Awards Committee and Technical Program Committee  
- 2000 Annual Meeting

### A-4 Finance

The Section's Finance is in good condition. See the attached Table 1 in the ANNEX.

## Part B. Organization Activities in 1999

### B-1 Membership Development Committee

Chair of Membership Development Committee is now appointing his committee members and will promote them to recruit new members. The number of Members of the Section as of November 31, 1999 is as follows:

grade	Grade Code	number
Honorary Member	HM	1
Life Fellow	LF	15
Fellow	F	33
Life Senior Member	LS	8
Senior Member	SM	87
Life Member	LM	22
Member	M	1049
Pending Member	PM	26

Life Associate	LA	1
Associate	A	119
Student	S	112
<b>Total</b>		<b>1472</b>

Membership development committee is now starting the following projects for increase of IEEE member in Kansai Section.

1. Announcement of merit of IEEE members.
2. Increase of Senior member in Kansai Section .(Statistics say that Senior members have higher probability of maintaining their membership. )
3. Committee members of MDC try to increase membership in their organizations.

#### B-2 Student Activities Committee

In Kansai Section, we have only one student branch. Student Activities Committee is now planning to establish new student branches. SAC also opened their home page announcing activities.

#### B-3 Nominations Committee

Nominations Committee asked Fellow members in Kansai Section to recommend fellow up-grade candidates. NC selects 8 candidates and endorsed these 8 candidates from Kansai Section.

#### B-4 Professional Activities

#### **Lectures:**

1. Lecturer : Nobuaki Kumagai (Osaka University, JAPAN),  
Title : Establishment of Japan Council and Kansai Section  
Date: July 27 1999      Place: Sumitomo Building      Attendee: 80
2. Lecturer: Rodney Brooks (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)  
Title: Structuring human-humanoid interaction so that people can intuitively command robots  
Date: November 19, 1999      Place: NTT Communication Science Laboratories      Attendee: 100
3. Lecturer: Tomaso Poggio (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)  
Title: From bits to information: machine learning theory and applications  
Date: January 14, 2000      Place: NTT Communication Science Laboratories      Attendee: 100
4. Lecturer: James L. Flanagan (Rutgers University, USA)  
Title: Natural Communication with Machines  
Date: March 3, 2000      Place: NTT Communication Science Laboratories      Attendee: 100

#### **Symposium cooperated with other institutes**

1. The 10-th International Symposium on Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Communications  
Date: 12-15 September, 1999  
Place: Asia Pacific Trade Center, Osaka, JAPAN

## **Part C.**

### **Goals and Action Plans in 2000**

- C-1. Executive Meeting  
We will have 6 Executive meetings this year.
- C-2. Nominations Committee  
NC will also nominate fellow up-grade candidates.
- C-3. Membership Development Committee  
MDC goal for year 2000 is “2000 members in Kansai Section”. To realize this goal, MDC member try to increase membership in their organizations.
- C-4. Student Activities Committee  
SAC will open 3 new student branches in Kansai Section. SAC is also planning several technical and social events for students in Kansai Section.
- C-5. Technical Program Committee  
TPC will have 4 or 5 Technical Lectures.
- C-6. Awards Committee  
AC will establish new awards in Kansai Section.

## ANNEX

Table 1 Finance Report in 1999

## 1. Receipts (Japanese Yen)

◆IEEE Entity	3,871,822	
· Support from Japan Council	500,000	· 3/19/1999
· Section Assessment (IEEE Head Quarter)	2,698,378	· 9/6/1999
· Section Rebate(IEEE Head Quarter)	673,444	· 9/27/1999
◆Interest	81	· 8/16
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,871,903</b>	

## 2. Expenses (Japanese Yen)

◆IEEE Entity	2,697,748	
· Japan Council	2,697,748	
◆	372,968	
· Annual Meeting	86,198	
· Technical Lecture	30,000	
· Executive Meeting	96,390	
· Committee Meeting	160,380	
◆Management and General	59,455	
◆ Surplus	740,732	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,871,903</b>	