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Speech Title: Disaster Recovery and the R&D policy in Japan's Telecommunication Networks

Abstract:

Communication network infrastructure is an indispensable base for people's lives and social/economic activities. The Great East Japan Earthquake and following tsunami on March 11, 2011, affected the people's lives and caused serious communication disruptions in wide areas of Japan's network. While intense efforts have been paid to its recovery, this unprecedented disaster have arisen serious discussions on exploring a way to strengthen the communication network against future disasters. These two years after the earthquake, the discussion has continued, and includes another important focal point of how to take effective measures in everyday life. This talk will discuss the impact of the earthquake and the tsunami on Japan's telecommunication network, progress in its recovery efforts, as well as action plans and R&D policy towards building dependable future network infrastructure.