CIAJ contributes to the advancement of ICT as the industry association representing info-communications.

One
Policy proposals to invigorate the ICT industry
Presenting industry views to relevant government ministries and agencies.

Two
Creation of new businesses
Promoting global business and the applications of ICT in new areas.

Three
Tackling issues faced by the info-communication industry
Environmental issues, enhancement of safety and reliability, etc.

Mission Statement
The Communications and Information Network Association of Japan (CIAJ) is a general incorporated association.
Working hand-in-hand with our member companies, CIAJ is an association committed to the healthy development of info-communication network industries through the promotion of ICT. CIAJ also strives for the realization of a socially, economically, and culturally enriching society in Japan as well as in the global community, by supporting extended and widely available uses of information.

Who we are
The Communications and Information Network Association of Japan was established in 1948 as a voluntary industry association composed mainly of telecom terminal manufacturers and network infrastructure vendors. In October 2009, CIAJ embarked on a new page in its history by becoming a general incorporated association.
The core Regular Members are manufacturers of telecom equipment, including network devices and mobile handsets, while other industry players, such as telecom operators and solution vendors participate as Forum Members. All in all, CIAJ has 217 companies and organizations on its membership as of July, 2016. As part of upholding CIAJ’s basic principle of creating new business opportunities and contributing to the robust growth of the industry, we will strengthen our efforts to promote policies and raising awareness of industry positions, attain tangible achievements from committee activities, and enhance our efforts to disseminate information to a wide audience.

CIAJ Management Team (As of July, 2016)

Board of Directors
- Chairman: Masami Yamamoto
- President: Fujitsu Limited

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- President: Sumitomo Electric Mfg. Co., Ltd.

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- INAMURU ELECTRIC CO., LTD.
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- Director: Yasuhiro K牢固树立
- President: Panasonic Corporation
- Director: Kenichi Yamamoto
- President: Toshiba Corporation
- Director: Nobuo Endo
- President: NEC Corporation
Message from our leaders

One of the traits that make CIAJ unique is our broad membership, which includes not only ICT equipment manufacturers, but telecommunications operators, solution providers, think tanks, and experts from academia. CIAJ takes a leading role in promoting the use of ICT in tackling diverse social issues by making proposals that incorporate diverse views, experiences, expertise and insights of our members to relevant government authorities. We also strive to be effective advocates for our members vis-à-vis industry associations abroad, so that they gain fair access to foreign markets.

CIAJ’s Forum activities center on the 13 Working Groups, which look into themes that are difficult to pursue on an individual enterprise level, but possible when done in collaboration with other entities from various fields of expertise. It is a unique endeavor to create new business models. These Working Groups and Committees conduct seminars focusing on state-of-the-art technologies and trends, with approximately 80 seminars held in 2015 and about 5,500 participants.

As part of our efforts to create business opportunities for member companies, every October, CIAJ organizes CEATEC Japan, the largest exhibit of ICT and electronics in Asia. ICT has become the underlying platform in all areas of our society and its influence penetrates every aspect of our lifestyle. This is reflected in the success of CEATEC Japan 2015, with 531 exhibitors, of which 151 were from overseas, attracting 133,045 visitors.

Another pillar of CIAJ activities is the timely provision of pertinent information to our members. Our editorial research strives to make domestic and foreign production/sales figures more tangible, while keeping up with global trends in markets and supply chain.

CIAJ will continue to contribute to the growth of the ICT industry in 2016.

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Masami Yamamoto
Chairman

Masami Yamamoto joined Tights Ltd. In 1961. He was in charge of research and development of the thermal paste for the CPU cooler of the mainframe computer. In 1993, he was appointed Product Manager, and then Director and President. In 2007, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer. Since 2013, he has been the Executive Director of the Japan Business Federation (Keidanren).

Yasuyoshi Katayama
President

Yasuyoshi Katayama joined Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation in April 1976. He later joined the Company’s Management Committee, and was appointed General Manager of the Mobile Communications Department. From 2004, he was responsible for research and development of mobile phone services, and became President of the Business Group. He was appointed President in June 2012.

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CIAJ Secretariat Team

Functional Departments

General Affairs
Corporate Communication
Accounting & Finance
International Affairs
Marketing
Policy & Advocacy
Corporate Planning
Application Development
Products & Services
Technology & Standards
Ubiquitous Forum Planning
Environment & Energy Conservation
Multimedia Solution
Organization (As of July, 2016)

- Auditors
- General Meeting
- Board of Directors
- Steering Committee
  - Steering Subcommittee
  - Policies Planning Subcommittee
  - IoT Promotion Subcommittee
    - Research and Development Subcommittee
    - Mobile Business Subcommittee
  - Technology Subcommittee
  - Budget Subcommittee
  - Forum Planning Subcommittee
    - Forum WGs
      - Global ICT Strategy WG
      - Tourism ICT Business WG
      - Healthcare Systems WG
      - Mobile Market Trends WG
      - Wearable WGs
      - MDM Business Model WG
      - IIoT Communications for Disaster & Crisis Prevention WG
      - Robot and Video Communications WG
      - WGs on Empowering Women
      - WGs on ICT Applications in Agriculture
  - Committee/Study Groups
    - Info-Communications Marketing Committee
    - Network Marketing Committee
    - User Systems Marketing Committee
    - Logistics Committee
    - CIJF Journal Editorial Committee
    - General Affairs Committee
    - IFI Network System Committee
    - Transmission Technology Committee
    - Multimedia Communications Committee
    - Electromagnetic Interference Committee
    - Conformity Assessment Committee
    - Network Systems Committee
    - Obi Study Group
    - Kakus Study Group
    - Chiba

Japan Market

2015 Market

Because of decreasing demand from a slow economy and the further shift to overseas production, the domestic production of telecom equipment fell to ¥740.9 billion yen. Both import and export figures increased over the previous year, reflecting the continuing trend to export parts to China and importing the finished product, mainly mobile phones. Total exports grew by 14.7% to ¥583.8 billion yen, recording the third consecutive two-digit growth, while imports grew by only 0.3% over FY2014 to 2.725 trillion yen, showing a deceleration.

CIAJ Mid-Term Demand Forecast for Telecommunication Equipment (2015-2020)

CIAJ released the "FY2015 – FY2020 Mid-Term Demand Forecast for Telecommunication Equipment" in December, 2015. Initial round of investment towards LTE-readiness in mobile communication devices, which make up two-thirds of the total telecom equipment market, and telecom network facilities will have completed in FY2016 and rely mostly on replacement demand, leading to a negative growth forecast through FY2017.

From FY2018 onwards, devices taking advantage of 5G mobile communication technology will become popular, with demand for digital transmission equipment to deal with the surge in data traffic from IoT and big data as well as demand for fixed telecom equipment to be put in place as part of network expansion plans are forecast to nudge demand towards positive growth.
CIAJ Activities in 2015

Policies and Advocacy

CIAJ's domestic advocacy activities in 2015 has continued to focus on proposals to Japan government bodies, political parties and relevant authorities in order to improve business environment and to stimulate innovation.

Our major agendas are:
- "Promoting innovation through ICT to resolve social challenges and invigorate local communities, which can serve as global best practices."
- "Enhancing the creation of new business models taking advantage of initiatives in innovative technologies, such as 5G, Big Data, AI and business insight technologies."
- "Realizing state-of-the-art 5G infrastructure through cooperation among industry, academia and government bodies."
- "Cultivating an ecosystem that fosters R&D and nurtures ICT talent for Japan's future."

CIAJ has historically treasured the opportunity to exchange opinions and views face to face with forget authorities for smooth and efficacious advocacy. In 2015 CIAJ conducted opinion-exchange meetings from time to time on the topics of ICT, radio spectrum, wireless business, market statistics and ICT contribution toward the 2020 Olympic Games.

In recent years, CIAJ worked alongside global counterpart ICT associations on three major initiatives. The first was in supporting the expansion of products covered in Information Technology Agreement (ITA). Agreement was reached in December 2015. The second was in presenting industry views concerning liberalization of environmental goods negotiations at the WTO. The third was the voicing of the industry position against overly stringent cybersecurity initiatives in some countries which could hamper industry growth.

Taking advantage of long term relationships with overseas and domestic associations and government bodies, CIAJ has captured timely information of anti-free trade movements throughout the world and taken effective actions by means of participating in public comments/public consultations and/or communications through diplomatic channels of Japan government as well as joint advocacy with overseas associations or direct communications with target governments.

Product and Services

Assuring interoperability of info-communication equipment

Info-communication equipment users should ideally be able to procure devices from multiple vendors, presuming interoperability is assured amongst all vendor equipment throughout the globe. CIAJ serves as the secretariat of HATS (Harmonization of Advanced Telecommunication Systems) Conference, in which members of several CIAJ committees bring their ITU-T and other global standard-compliant products together to conduct interoperability tests.

Social Responsibilities

Accessibility

Efforts to assure accessibility of info-communication equipment

CIAJ acts as the secretariat of the Info-communication Access Council, which deliberates the enhancement and assurance of accessibility for older adults and people with special needs, in particular, the planning, developing, and designing of ICT products and services. Relevant CIAJ committees are actively participating in these initiatives, including the implementation and revision of JIS X 8341-4 pertaining to design considerations of telecommunication equipment and the proposal of ITU-T Recommendation F.761. CIAJ is also playing a role in the wider seminars of JIS X 8341-3 pertaining to web accessibility (revised in March, 2016), as the internet is an even more vital source of information for those with special needs and older adults.

Mobile Recycle Network (MRN)

Promoting recycling of used mobile phones and PHS handsets

Together with the Telecommunication Conference Centre (TCC), CIAJ has been promoting the recycling of cellular phones and PHS terminals since April 2001 through the 'Mobile Recycling Network (MRN)' a voluntary system of collecting used cellular and PHS handsets, re-chargers and batteries regardless of carrier or manufacturer. With the implementation of legislation on recycling small appliances (including mobile devices) passed in Japan in FY2013, CIAJ is working together with relevant authorities to increase collection.

Tackling Environmental Issues


As one of the four leading associations representing the electrical and electronic industries of Japan (JEITA, JEMA, JBMIA, CIAJ), CIAJ promotes the "Effective Action on Global Warming" as well as efforts to decrease industrial waste/VOC (volatile organic compounds) among member organizations and the industry as a whole. CIAJ also gathers information on domestic and global environmental regulations and policies which is made available to CIAJ members and releases industry positions on these issues.

Trade shows and other events

CEATEC JAPAN 2015 at Makuhari Messe in October

18th ATC Forum hosted by CIAJ at Makuhari in October

WEBJAF in Tokyo in October

The 18th Baseball Tournament

CIAJ New Year’s Reception
CIAJ Members  (As of July, 2026)

Regular Members  (106 companies/organizations)

ACTIVOS CO., LTD.  |  JAPAN BUSINESS TO COMMUNICATION FURGUM & COMPANY/JASMA/JAPAN TELECOM CO., LTD.
ALAXALA NETWORKS CORPORATION  |  KINRI DENKI CO., LTD.  |  SANTO DENKI CO., LTD.
AILA ELECTRIC CO., LTD.  |  HAMAI MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.  |  OSAN, INC.
AIRI ITSU CORPORATION  |  KIOO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.  |  SUEI EPSION CORPORATION
ASSOCIATION OF RADO INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS  |  KYOCERA CORPORATION  |  SONG SOLUTIONS INC.
BROTHER INDUSTRIES LTD.  |  KYOCERA DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS INC.  |  SHARP CORPORATION
ST JAPAN CORPORATION  |  KYOCER ELECTRIC MFG. CO., LTD.  |  SHINDENREN ELECTRICAL CO., LTD.
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CANDO INC.  |  KENSHIH CORPORATION  |  SONY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS JAPAN, INC.
CADEN MARKETING JAPAN INC.  |  MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORPORATION  |  STANLEY ELECTRIC CO., LTD.
CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD.  |  NTTUMI ELECTRIC CO., LTD.  |  SUMITOMO ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, LTD.
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CIRCA COMMUNICATIONS JAPAN CO., LTD.  |  MUFAKA MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.  |  TAMURA CORPORATION
DATA COMMUNICATIONS APPAREL CO., LTD.  |  NAKAYO INC.  |  TAGADA ELECTRIC WORKS CO., LTD.
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KUNEC CORPORATION LTD.  |  NIKKAI ELECTRIC WORKS, LTD.  |  TOSIBA CORPORATION
KUKU COMPONENT LIMITED  |  NEMC INC.  |  TOKYO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT MFG. CO., LTD.
FUJITSU LIMITED  |  NIHIN DENKO KOSAKU CO., LTD.  |  TOSHIBA CORPORATION
FUKUSIN ELECTRIC CO., LTD.  |  NISAYAN CORPORATION  |  TOSIBA ELECTRIC CORPORATION
GENESIS CORPORATION  |  NTT KOJOY CORPORATION  |  TOSIBA CORPORATION
GRANULAR TECHNOLOGY LTD.  |  NTT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION  |  TOSIBA CORPORATION
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KAIJU ELECTRIC CO., LTD.  |  SANGHO CORPORATION  |  TOSHIBA CORPORATION
JAPAN AVIATION ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY LTD.  |  SANKO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION  |  TOSHIBA CORPORATION
JAPAN RADIO CO., LTD.  |  SAMS ELECTRONICS CORPORATION  |  TOSHIBA CORPORATION

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C-DUE CORPORATION  |  NIPPON CUMI MARU CORPORATION  |  NTT LIRGEO INC.
EPSON SALES JAPAN CORPORATION  |  NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION  |  NTT RESIDENT INC.
GLOBAL AIR SYSTEMS  |  NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE EAST CORPORATION  |  NTT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
CREATIVE LTD.  |  NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WEST CORPORATION  |  OPTEM CORPORATION
F&I DECO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.  |  NITTAN COMPANY LIMITED  |  SANYO CORPORATION
KOREM CO., LTD.  |  NTT COM ENGINEERING CORPORATION  |  SEIKO PLANNING INC.
KUMOKEI, INC.  |  NTT COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION  |  SOMOCO LTD.
KURI CORPORATION  |  NTT DATA CORPORATION  |  SUNBROD, OPUL, LTD.
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KUBITE CORPORATION  |  NTT DOCOMO INC.  |  TRENDWORKS CO., LTD.
NISHI TECHNOLOGICAL CORPORATION  |  NTT ELECTRONICS CORPORATION  |  TSURUHARA LTD.
MIRANTO CORPORATION  |  NTT FACILITIES INC.  |  YFB & R&D PROMOTION DEPARTMENT
MEDICO, LTD.  |  NTT INFRASTRUCTURE INC.

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ALPHA SYSTEMS INC.  |  JAPAN RESJ LTD.  |  REALITY CONFERENCE ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS JAPAN
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CORECOM, INC.  |  KADOKI TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.  |  SHIMIZU LITHOGRAPHY INC.
DECO TECHNOLOGY INC.  |  MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROMOTION CONSORTIUM  |  SKY PERFECT JAST CORPORATION
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FUJIKURA LTD.  |  NEC NETWORK SYSTEMS CORPORATION  |  THE FOUNDATION FOR MULTIMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS
FUJITSU LIFECORP CORPORATION  |  NIKON MFG CO., LTD.  |  THE INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEMS
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HOSHIWA CORPORATION  |  NS SOLUTIONS CORPORATION  |  TOSHIBA CORPORATION
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JAPAN APPROVALS INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE CORPORATION  |  NTT CORPORATION  |  YOKO LAB
JAPAN CABLE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION  |  NTT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
JAPAN DATA COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION  |  NIPPON JAPAN CO., LTD.

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COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (CASH)  |  TELECOM EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (TEMA)
DESMARREEPRISE  |  TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (TIA)
FEDERATION DES INDUSTRIES ELECTRONIQUES ET DE COMMUNICATION (FIEEC)  |  TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION (TIA)
KOREA ASSOCIATION OF INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS (KATI)  |  TEAM EXPORT PROMOTION FORUM (TEPF)
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KOREA RADIO PRODUCTION ASSOCIATION (KARA)  |  VIETNAM ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION (VEIA)
KOREA TRADE-INVEST PROMOTION AGENCY (KOTRA)  |  ZENTRALEUROPISCHER ELEKTRO AND LECHINDUSTRIENORDISTRIKT E.V. (ZELL)
MOBILE MANUFACTURERS FORUM (MWF)