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He graduated from the Faculty of Engineering, Kyoto University and joined Ministry of posts and telecommunications, in 1973. Since then, he has been working in information and communications administrative work. He had the charge in mobile communications and technology policy when he was a division director. After that, he held successively the position of the director general of Hokuriku, Kinki, and Kanto Bureau of Telecommunications and took a role of advancing the information and communication environment of the local societies. He led making the radio frequency open policy as the Director-General of the Radio Department. He is now controlling the policy making of the research and development and standardization in information and communications field including the space communications.

Five years have passed since the forum was just established in January 1999. MPHPT, which actively promotes satellite communications applications, is proud of the fact that the forum has been holding both study committees and exhibitions leading to the development of Japan's satellite communication technology and applications.

People working in space related fields are encouraged by recent events such as the announcement of the USA's new space exploration vision, the success of China's manned space flight and the on-going EU Galileo project.

On the other hand, the launch failure of the H-IIA rocket vehicle, the ADEOS-II and the Mars explorer "Nozomi" accidents have had an adverse effect on Japan's space program.

In these circumstances, one of study groups of the Council for Science and Technology Policy is now discussing the direction of Japan's space development from the view point of "National assurance of the key technology" and "Concentration on cutting edge technologies"

The chain of the accidents that has been experienced will provide an added incentive to improve the reliability of Japan's space development program. I believe that we will be able to conquer all obstacles through intensive analysis of the failures and by taking appropriate measures.

MPHPT is promoting research and development on Engineering Satellite VIII (ETS-VIII), Wideband Internetworking Demonstration engineering satellite (WINDS) and the Quasi-zenith satellite system with the aim of improving satellite communication, broadcasting and positioning technology. We intend to promote various types of R&D in line with future national needs toward the sustained development of satellite communication systems.

It is necessary to promote collaboration among public and private sectors as well as academia to ensure that the input can be used to improve the satellite communication system. I hope that the AIAA Japan Satellite Communication Forum organized by various companies, universities and public organizations will play a central role in developing Japan's satellite communications system through its activities and at the same time contribute to improvements on how people live and how the social economy develops through the expansion of space development and applications.