# Introduction

The "White paper on Information and Communications in Japan" has been published by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications since 1973.  This is the 41st one.  The objective of this report is to introduce the present  state of Japan's information and communications  and the nation's information and  communications policy trends. The English version represents a summary of the Japanese version.

This report consists of two parts.  Part 1  represents a special theme,  "How Can We Make Strategic Use of 'Smart ICT' to Bring Vigor and Growth to Japan?" Part 2 includes Chapter 4 that uses statistical data to indicate the state of information and communications in the previous fiscal year and Chapter 5 that compiles information and communications policy trends mainly in the previous fiscal year.