Introduction

The White Paper on Information and Communications in Japan has been published by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) since 1973 and this is the 45th issue. The purpose of this White Paper is to introduce the current status of information and communications in Japan and the trend of related policies. The English version compiles the summary of the original White Paper in Japanese.

The White Paper consists of two parts: Part 1 deals with the topics under the title of "Data-driven Economy and Social Change" and provides an overview of the solutions to various problems in society through redesigning all socioeconomic activities in the data-driven economy, where diverse data is created, collected, distributed, analyzed and utilized. Part 2 consists of Chapter 6, which shows the status of information and communications in Japan in the previous fiscal year with statistical data, and Chapter 7, which compiles policy trends in the information and communication field mainly for the previous fiscal year.