Overview of the 2019 White Paper on Information and Communications in Japan

Part 1	Special Theme: Evolving Digital Economy towards "Society 5.0"

Chapter 1 How ICT and the Digital Economy Have Evolved

➢ Looking back on the evolution of and changes in ICT services and technologies, as well as in industry and the global economy as a whole during mainly the Heisei era, while pointing out present challenges.

➢ Describes the market size for major products and services in the ICT field, changes in ICT investment, and new trends in ICT (digital platformers, AI, cybersecurity etc.).

➢ Reviews changes in the media environment brought about by the diffusion of the Internet and discussions over polarized public opinion and Internet flaming.

Chapter 2 Requirements for Achieving the Full Benefits of "Society 5.0"

➢ Describes the characteristics of the digital economy and a forecast for "Society 5.0" to be achieved as a result of the evolution of the digital economy.

➢ Organize discussions over the digital economy, GDP, and social inequality.

➢ Present reforms necessary in Japan for achieving full merits of "Society 5.0."

➢ Forecast possible opportunities for local regions amid evolution of the digital economy.

➢ Analyze new work styles using ICT and new relationships between humans and ICT.

Part 2	Basic Data and Policy Directions
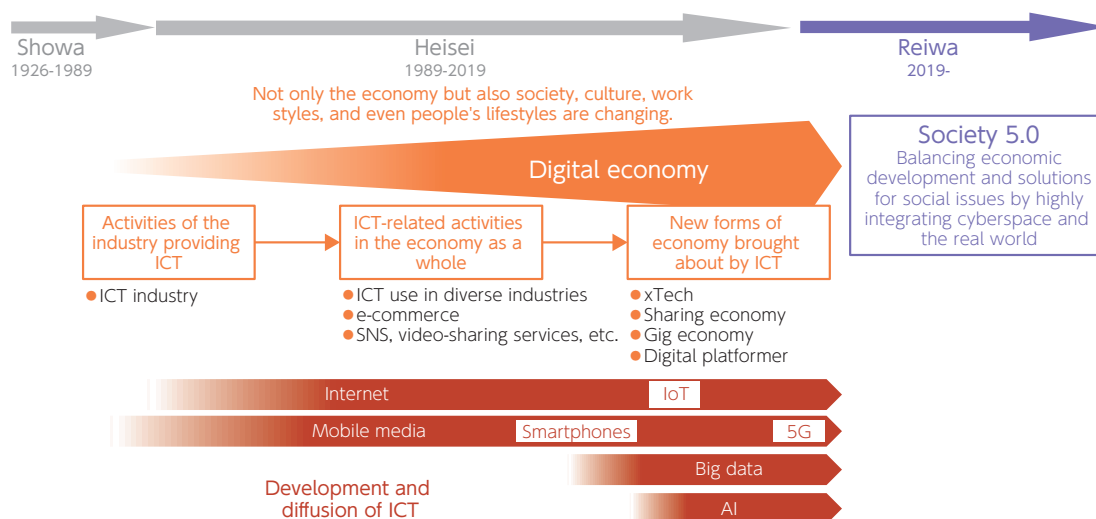
Chapter 3 | Basic Data on the ICT Field

This chapter introduces extensive data that illustrates trends in the market size, the number of workers, etc. of Japan's ICT industry and trends in use of ICT services, centering on the results of surveys conducted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), including the Basic Survey on the Information and Communications Industry and the Communications Usage Trend Survey.

Chapter 4 | ICT Policy Directions

This chapter introduces the latest trend in Japan's ICT policy for each of the fields including telecommunications, radio, broadcasting, ICT use and application, research and development, and international strategies, centering on initiatives by MIC.