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**Overview of ITU-T H.721 Recommendation  
for IPTV Terminal Device**

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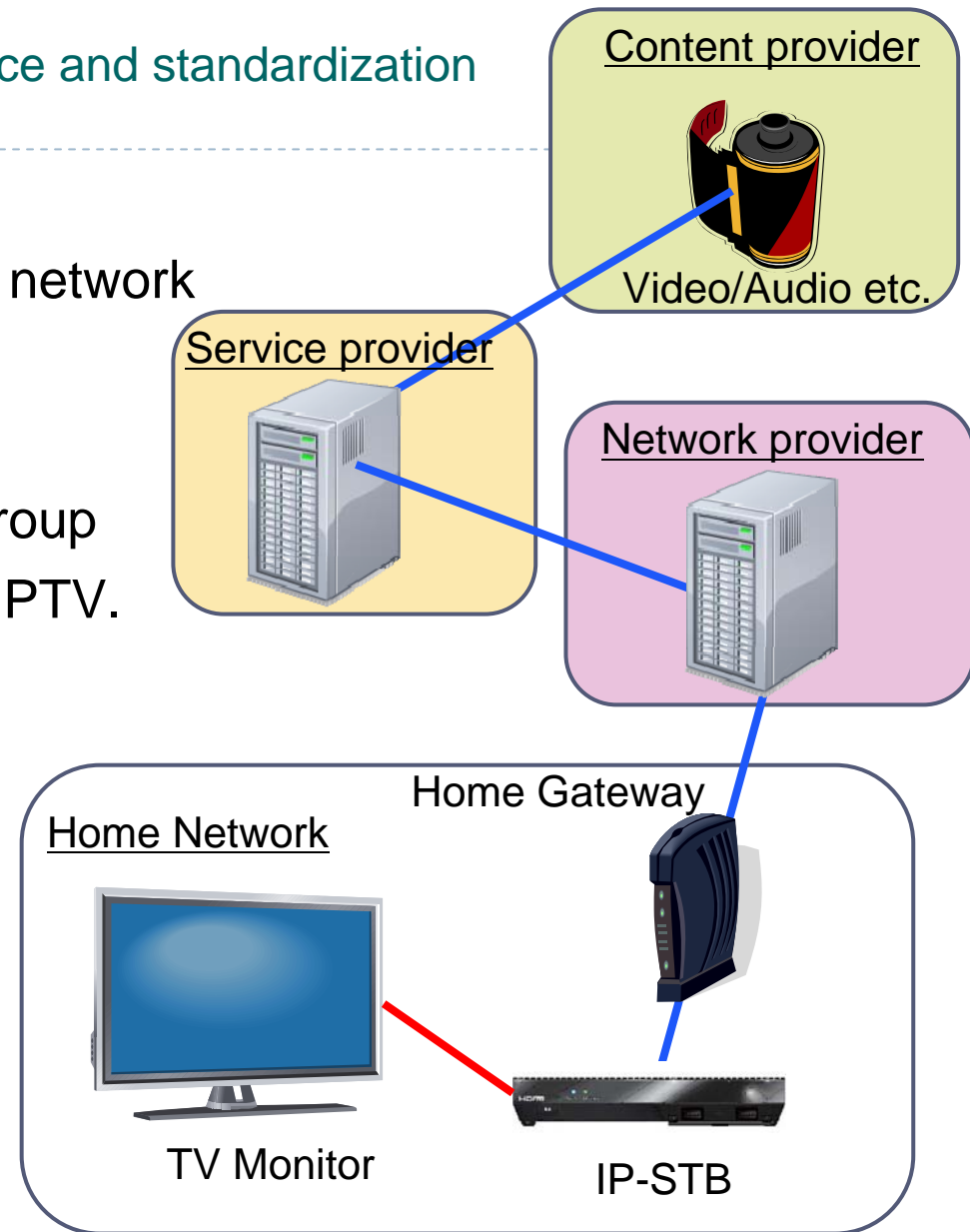
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# 1. Trends in Standardization Activities for IPTV

Spreading of broadband IP video service and standardization  
(From FG-IPTV to IPTV-GSI)

- ▶ IP video services on Broadband IP network has been widespread.
- ▶ In 2006 ITU launched the Focus Group to promote the standardization for IPTV.
- ▶ In 2008 inherited to IPTV-GSI.
- ▶ Since 2010 ITU-T has started the conformance and interoperability test event for ITU-T H.700 series standard compliant IPTV products in the world (Interop Event).



# 1. Trends in Standardization Activities for IPTV

## ITU Interop Event on IPTV

- ▶ Conformity and Interoperability testing of ITU-T H.700 series compliant products
  
- ▶ Target recommendations
  - (1) *H.701 (Error Recovery)*
  - (2) *H.721 (IPTV Terminal Device)*
  - (3) *H.740 (Event Handling and Audience Measurement)*
  - (4) *H.750 (Metadata)*
  - (5) *H.761 (NCL Ginga)*
  - (6) *H.762 (LIME)*
  - (7) *H.770 (Service Discovery)*
  
- ▶ H.721 was tested in IOT events
  - 1<sup>st</sup> IOT (Jul. 2010@Geneve), 2<sup>nd</sup> IOT (Sep. 2010@Singapore),
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> IOT (Dec. 2010@Pune), 4<sup>th</sup> IOT (Jul. 2011@Rio de Janeiro)



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Interop Event

► From July 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 in Geneva (ITU HQ)

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Participants: Cisco, Mitsubishi, NEC, NTT, OKI, PUC-Rio and Sumitomo



- Press Release: [www.itu.int/ITU-T/newslog/CategoryView,category,IPTV.aspx](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/newslog/CategoryView,category,IPTV.aspx)
  - Photos: [www.flickr.com/photos/itupictures/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/itupictures/)
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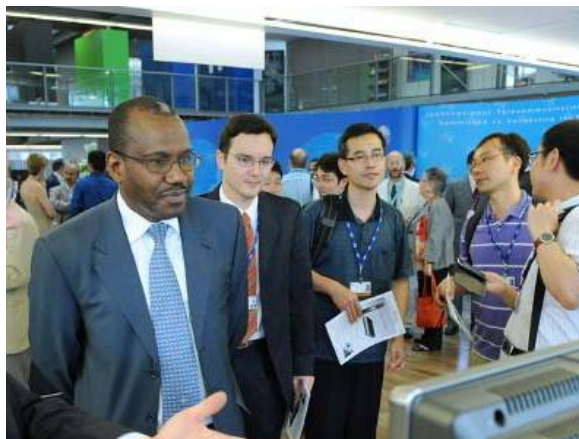
► From July 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 in Geneva (ITU HQ)



Key speech by Dr Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General, ITU



A view of conformance test



Many Telco Carriers, Medias including ITU secretary general visited the showcase



A scene of Briefing for IOT



Certification issued for participants

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Interop Event

► From September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Singapore (Fusionopolice)

Participants: Cisco, Mitsubishi, NEC, NTT, OKI, PUC-Rio, Sumitomo, TVStorm, V One Multimedia



► Video: <http://www.itu.int/net/ITU-T/cdb/interop.aspx>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRRve8sJKTY>



# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Interop Event and Showcase



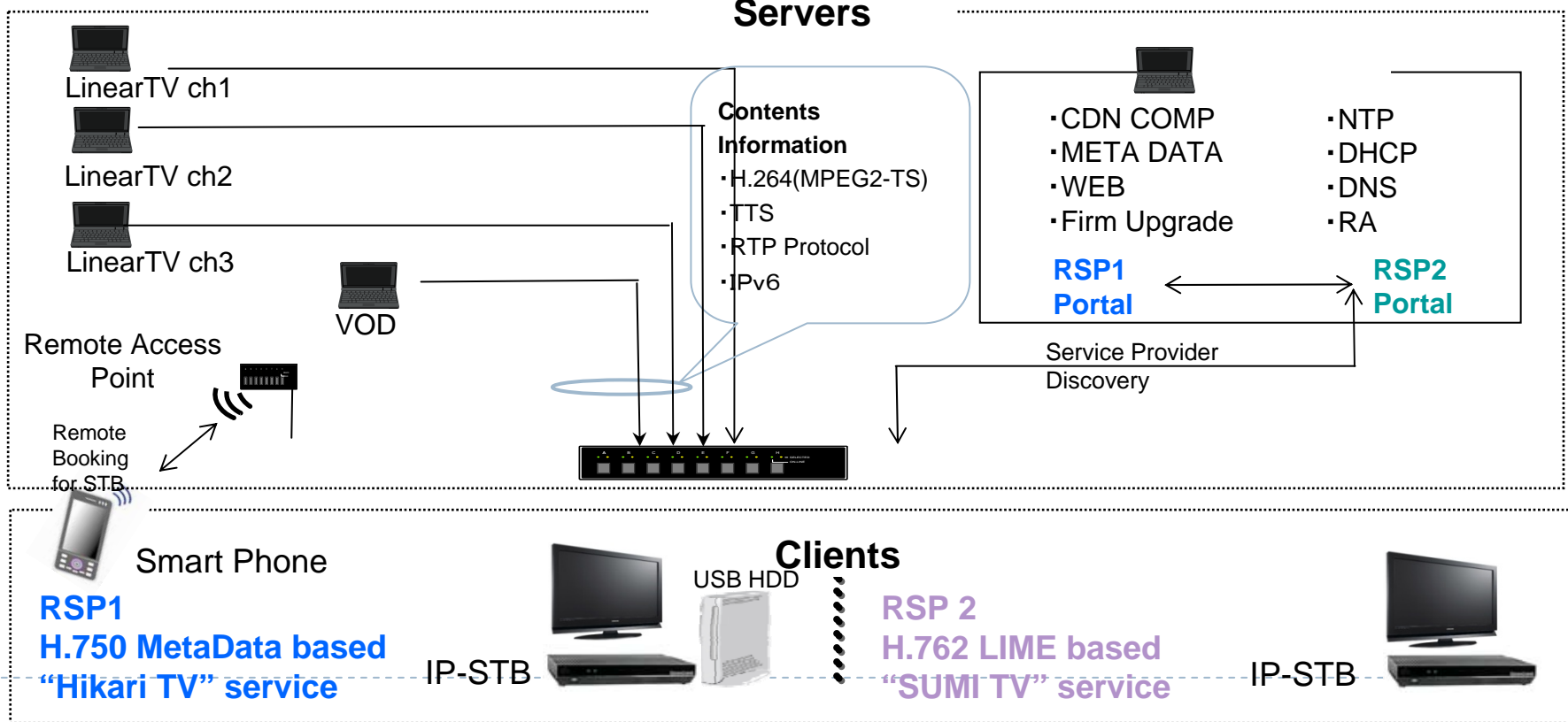
▶ Dec14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Pune (Sinhgad Polytechnic)

New Participants: **Tech Mahindra**



▶ System configuration of the Showcase

- H.770 Operator and Service Discovery
- H.750 TV Anytime Metadata
- H.721 IPTV Basic Terminal Device
- H.762 LIME Middleware





## The 4<sup>th</sup> Interop Event and Showcase

- ▶ From July 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Rio de Janeiro
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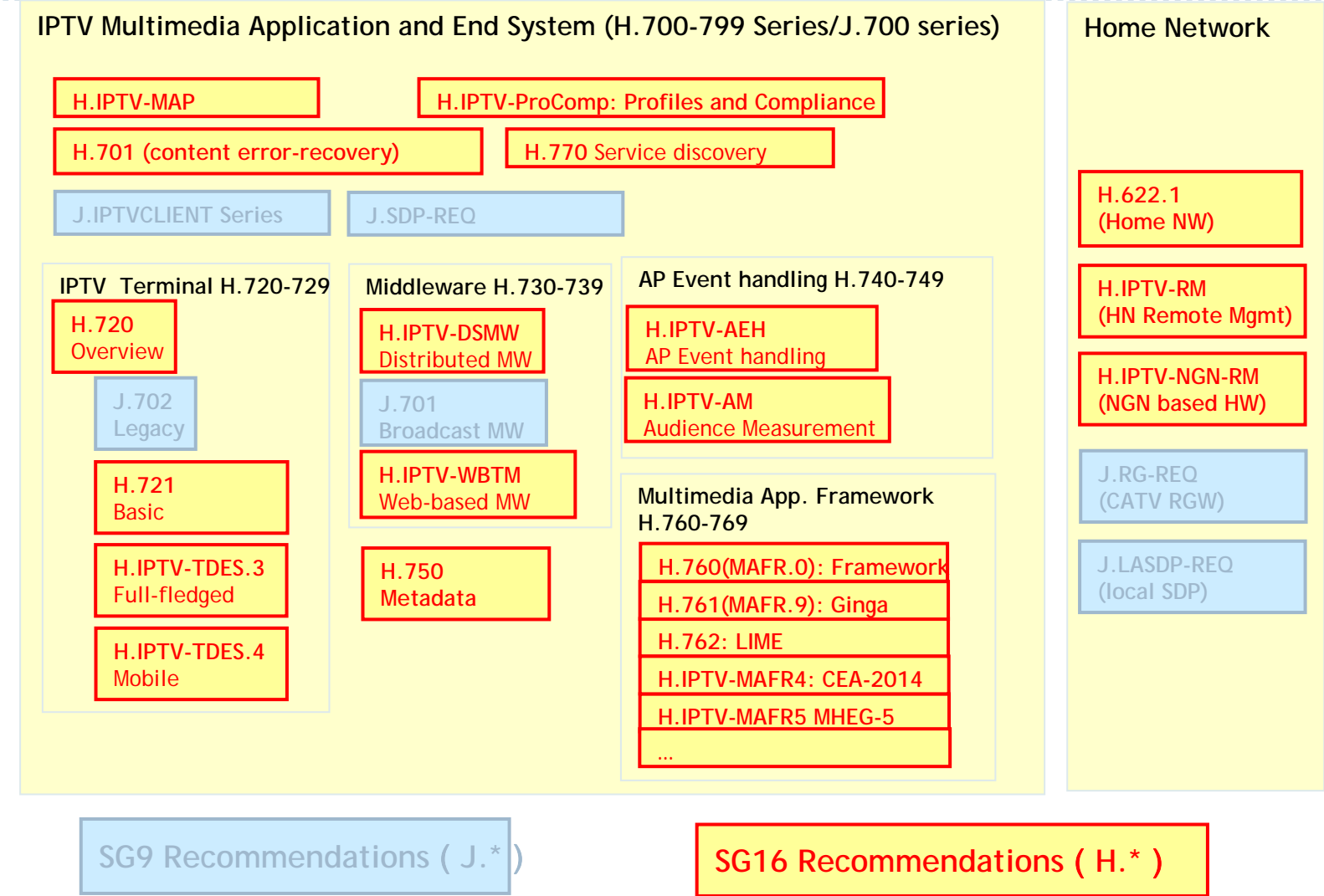
IOT Participants: OKI, PUC-Rio, Sumitomo, TOTVS

ShowCase Participants: Mitsubishi, OKI, PUC-Rio, Sumitomo, TOTVS, ZTE

- ▶ New Test Case : H.761 (Ginga NCL) and H.762 (LIME)



# 2. ITU-T Recommendations for End System



### 3. Overview of H.72X series recommendations for IPTV TD

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#### **Consented**

H.720 “Overview of IPTV terminal devices and end systems”

H.721 “IPTV terminal devices : Basic model

#### **Under Study**

H.IPTV-TDES.3 “IPTV Terminal Device : Full-fledged model”

H.IPTV-TDES.4 “IPTV terminal device : Mobile model”

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### 3. Over view of H.72X series recommendations for IPTV TD

- ▶ Services for each terminal device model

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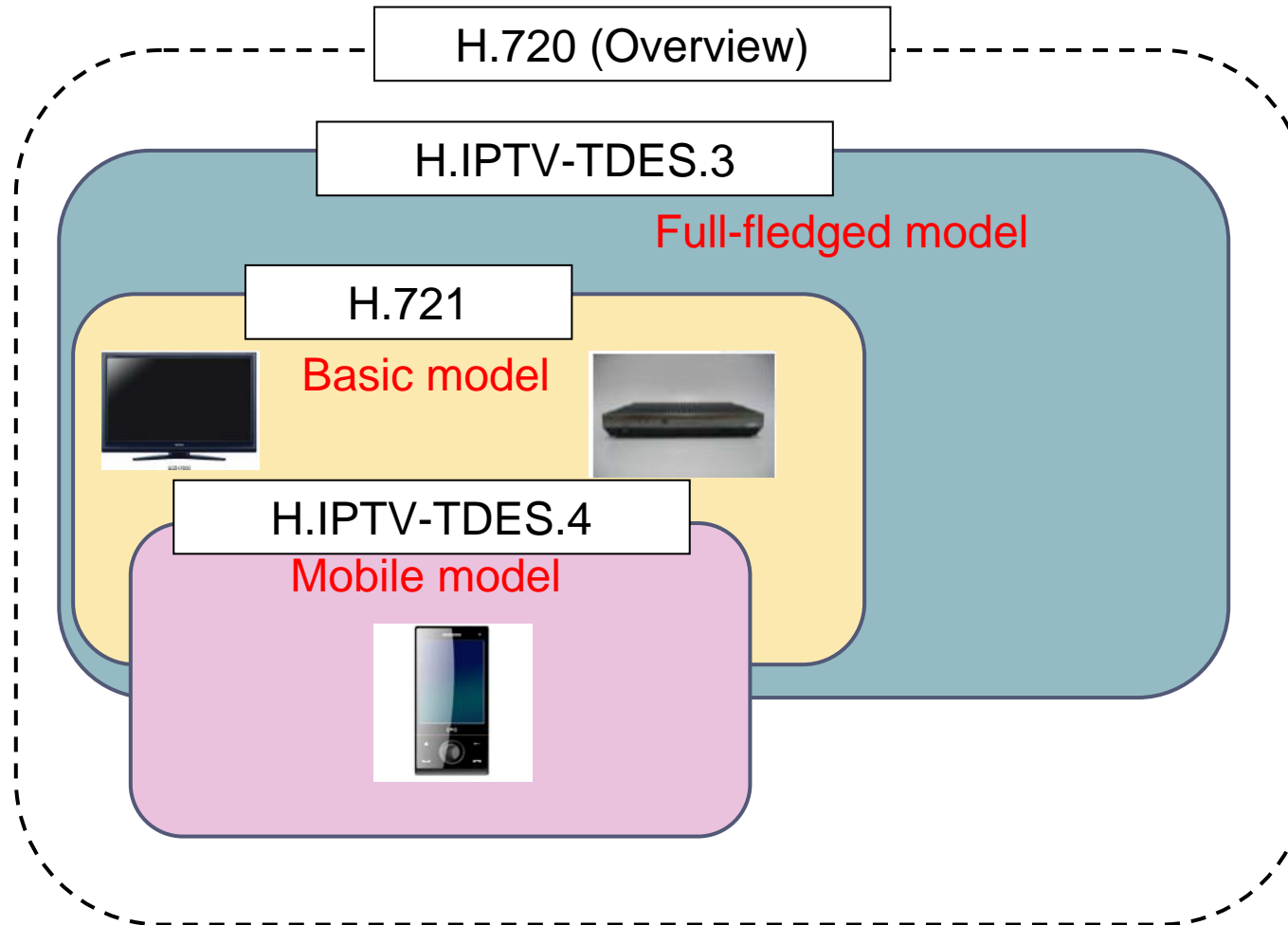
Terminal device model	Service
<b>Basic model (H.721)</b>	<b>“Basic Services”</b> Linear TV, Video on demand (VOD), Portal Service, etc.
<b>Full-fledged model (TDES.3)</b>	<b>”Basic Services” + “Advanced Services”</b> Push VOD, Video Phone, Advertisement, PVR, Audience measurement, Personal Broadcasting, etc.
<b>Mobile model (TDES.4)</b>	<b>“Basic Services” + Mobile oriented Services“</b> Linear TV & VOD for mobile, Interactive Services, advertisement based on user location

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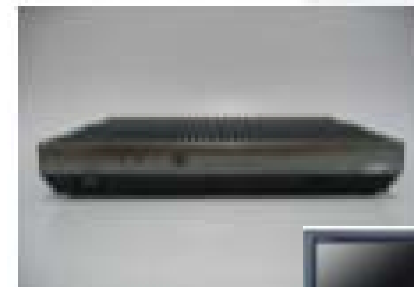
- ▶ Scope and relationship of each H.72X recommendation



## 4. Target services and Scopes of H.721 Recommendation

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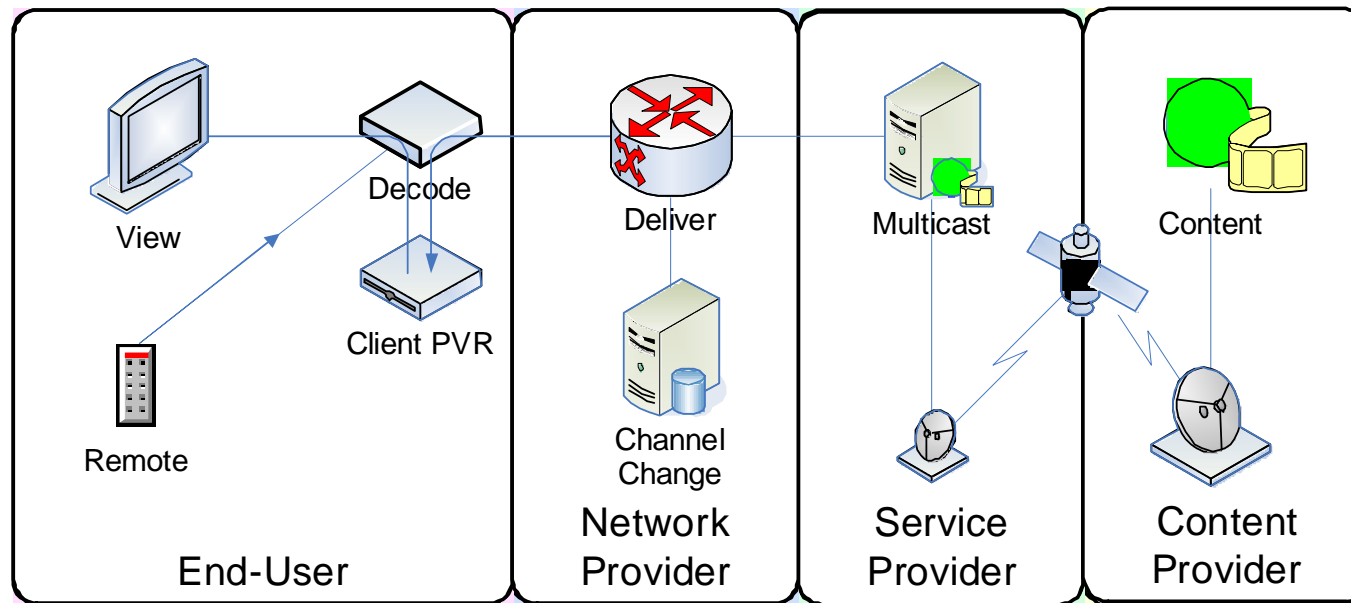
- ▶ Linear TV and VoD services
- ▶ Services on managed network
- ▶ Targeted both for STB of service operator and IPTV embedded TV sets in the retail market
- ▶ Service navigation functions
  - *Remote Controller, EPG, Portal etc.*
- ▶ Interactive services
- ▶ Public interest services
  - *Emergency Broadcast, Subtitle, Sign language, and so on*



## 5. Details of H.721

### (1) Linear TV service

- ▶ Multicast delivery
- ▶ Programs on temporal order
- ▶ Include IP retransmission of Terrestrial and Satellite Broadcasting

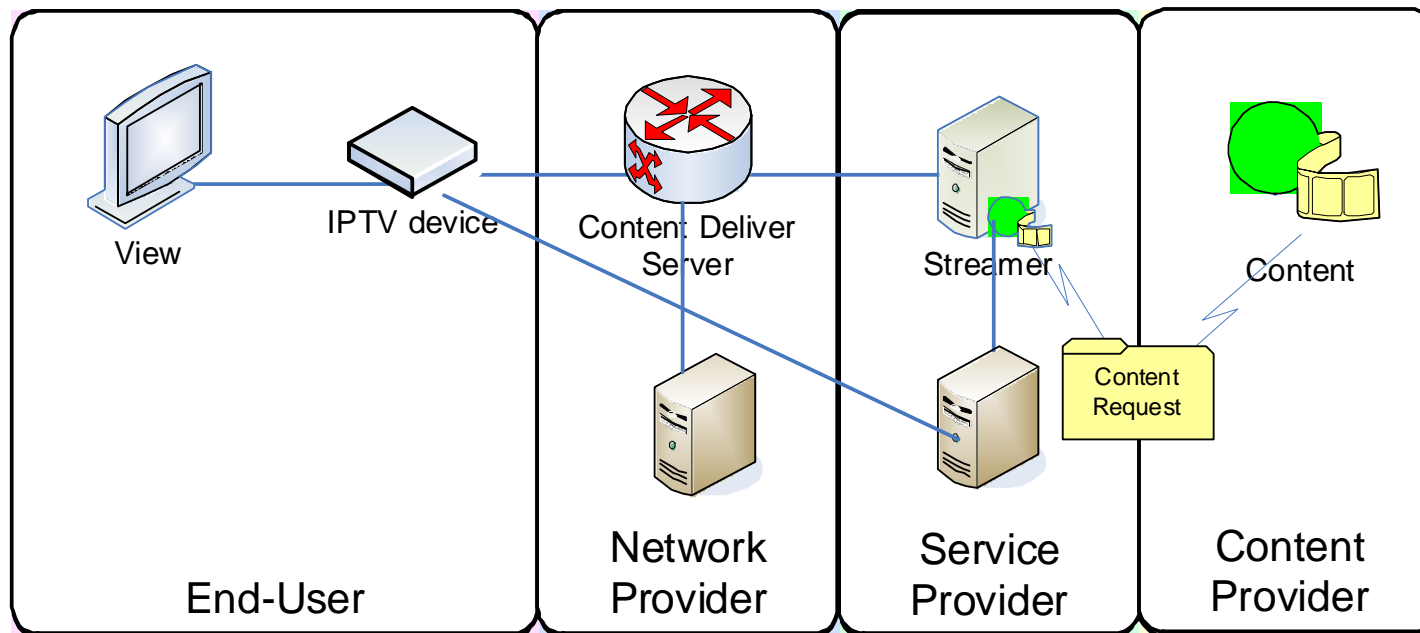


**Linear TV with Client PVR**

## 5. Details of H.721

### (2) Video on-demand Service

- ▶ Unicast delivery
- ▶ Contents is served by end-user's choice
- ▶ Support trick-plays
  - Valiable playback speed control, fast-forward play, rewind, pause, etc.



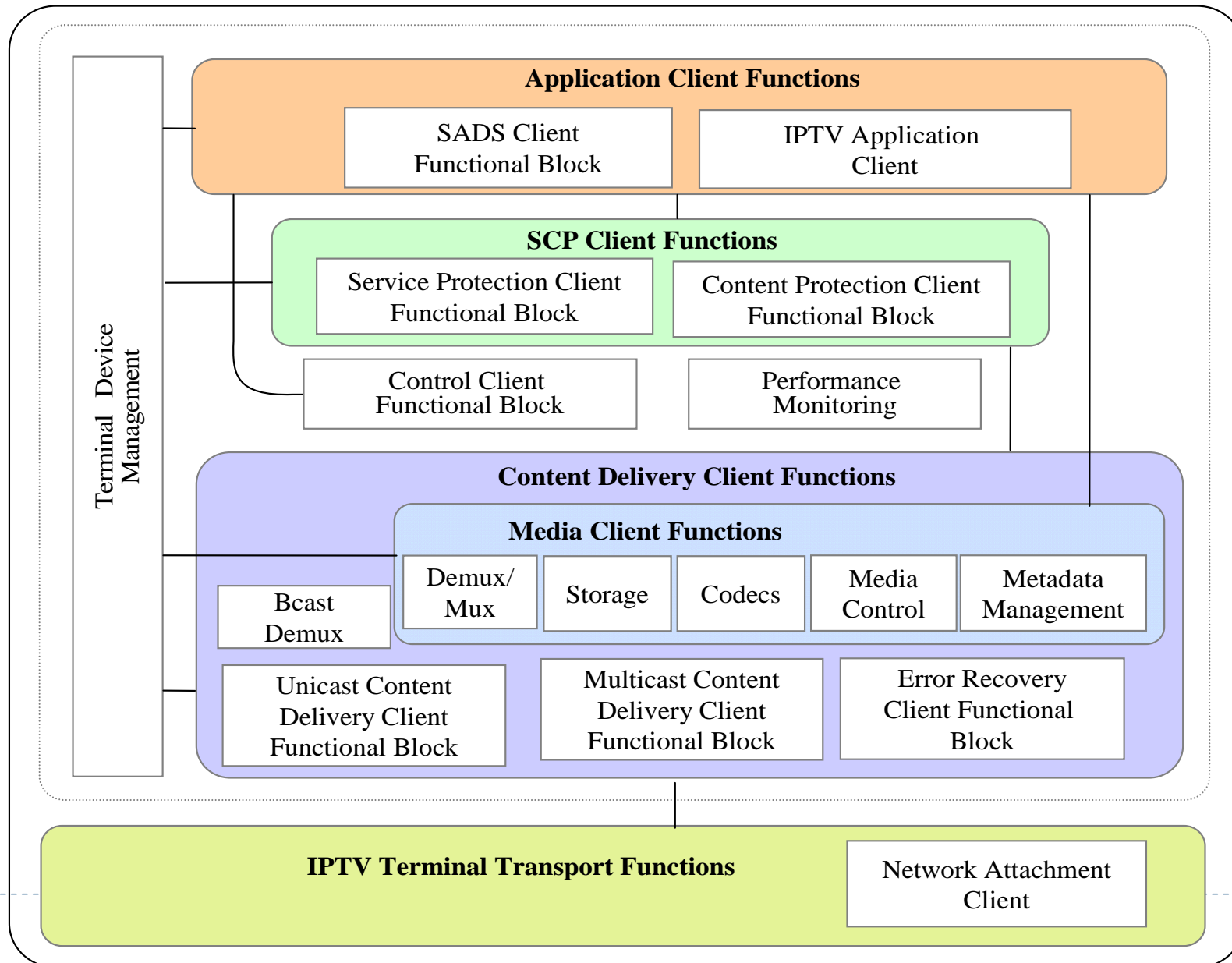
**On Demand services**



## 5. Details of H.721

### (3) Functional components of H.721 terminal device

#### IPTV Terminal Functions



Functions of each component (1)

▶ **Terminal Transport Functions**

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▶ Network communication Interface

▶ Communication processing

- *RTP, UDP, HTTP/TLS, TCP, IP, IGMP/MLD*

▶ Network attachment processing

- *DHCP, DNS*



Functions of each component (2)

## ▶ Content Delivery Client Functions

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- ▶ Multicast content delivery client function block
  - *IGMPv2, MLDv2*
- ▶ Unicast content delivery client functional block
  - *RTP and RTSP*
  - *HTTP for VoD contents selection*
- ▶ Error recovery client functional block
  - *FEC based error recovery (H.701)*



Functions of each component (3)

## ▶ Media Client Functions

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- ▶ Playback and trick mode functionalities for VoD
  - *Playback, Fast-Forward, Rewind, Pause, Stop, Chapter, etc.*
- ▶ Demux/mux functional block
  - *MPEG2 TS/TTS, clock synchronization*
- ▶ Codec functional block (Decoding)
  - *Video : MPEG2 (ITU-T H.262), MPEG4/AVC (ITU-T H.264)*
  - *Audio : MPEG-2AAC, MPEG-1 L2, MPEG-4 HE-AAC, AC-3*
- ▶ Storage functional block
  - *Storing ID of services, password, License key*
- ▶ Metadata management
  - *Caching, Searching, Parental control*





Functions of each component (4)

▶ **SCP Client Functions**

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SCP=Service and Content Protection

▶ **Service protection client functions**

- *Secure communication channel*
- *Authentication with SCP server*
- *CRL update and management*

▶ **Content protection client functions**

- *Content key acquisition*
- *Extraction of the descrambling key from ECM*



Functions of each component (5)

▶ **IPTV Application Client Functions**

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▶ **IPTV Application Client Functions**

- *Handling HTML/BML,*
- *metadata to replay control*
- *EPG/ECG*

▶ **SADS client functions**

- *Service provider discovery*
- *Service discovery*
- *Service selection*

*(compliant with H.770)*



Functions of each component (6)

## ▶ Other functions

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### ▶ Control client functions

- *RACF resource management*

### ▶ Terminal device management

- *Remote management*

### ▶ Physical Interface

- *Rest botton, Remote controlle*
- *RGB, DVI, Digital Audio, HDMI*



## 6. Conformance testing specification for H.721

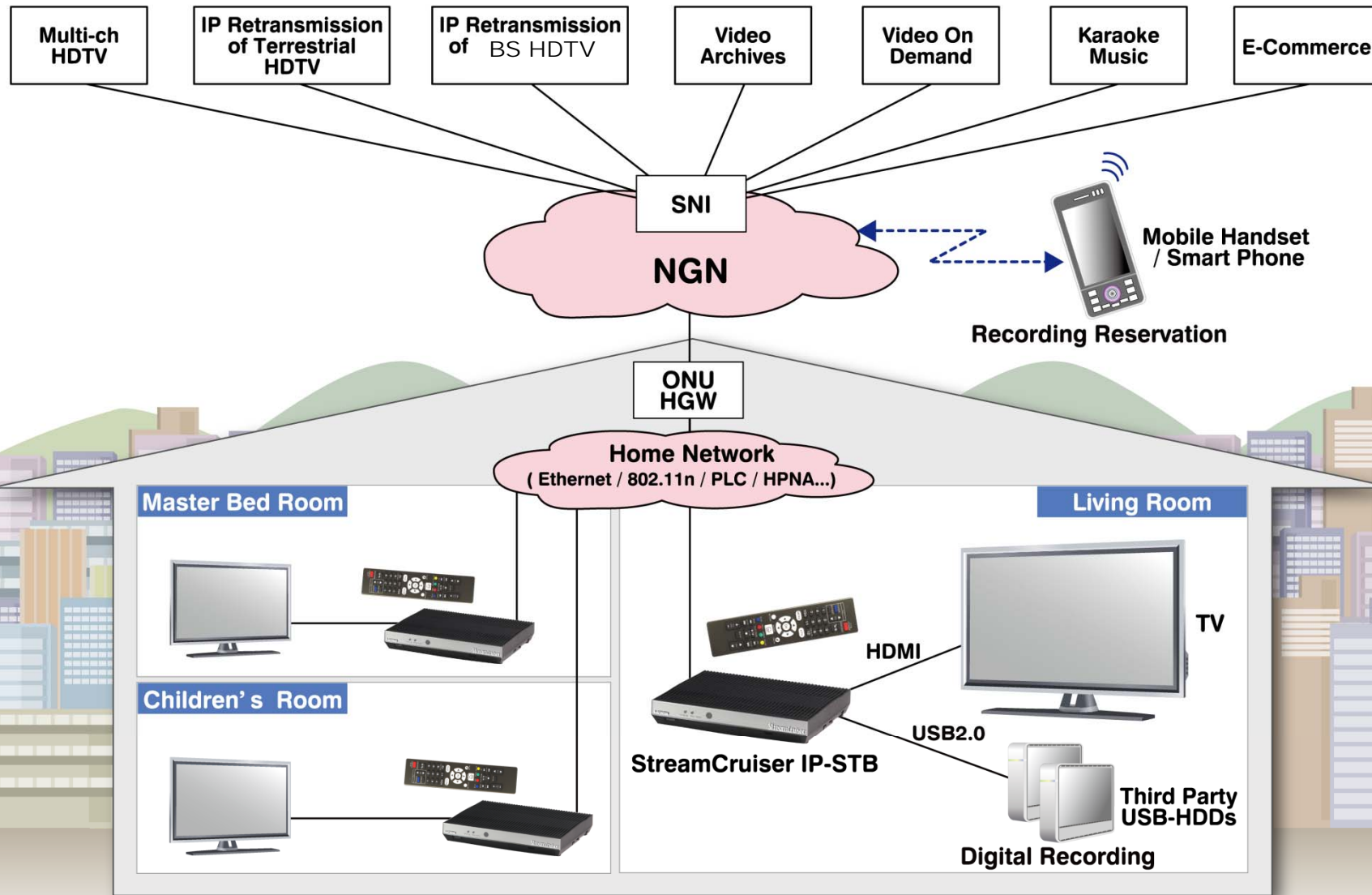
### ▶ HSTP.CONF-H721

- ▶ *New draft recommendation was created in Shanghai meeting in March 2010.*
- ▶ *Approved in SG16 meeting in July 2010.*
- ▶ *Added some new test items in later meetings.*



# 7. Example for Commercial IPTV Deployment of H.721

## Example of IPTV Commercial Service in Japan



## 7. Example for Commercial Deployment of H.721 ITU-T H.721 Compliant Commercial IP-STB in Japan (Sumitomo *StreamCruiser* IP-STB for NTT Groups Hikari TV service)

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- Service and Provider Discovery ([ITU-T H.770](#))
- Supports multiple UI Middlewares
  - TVAnytime MetaData ([ITU-T H.750](#)) compliant high speed resident applications
  - LIME ([ITU-T H.762](#)) and [HTML5](#)-subset compliant browser based middleware realized the contents creation by service operator
- Supreme QoS with using Application Layer FEC ([ITU-T H.701](#))
- IP Re-transmission of Digital Terrestrial TV and 1080i Full HD ([H.721](#), [H.264](#))
- Contents Protection with using IPTV Forum standard DRM (Marlin)
- Supports NGN (New Generation Network) and IPv6 Multicast MLDv2
- Service expansion provided by reliable Firmware Update Server : STManager



# 7. Example for Commercial Deployment of H.721

## An example for the penetration of IPTV service by standardization in Japan

- ▶ **1st-Gen. IPTV** : Custom specification per servicer, expensive TCO & the lack of retransmission of major Terrestrial TV contents **prevented the penetration of IPTV**

Group		NTT			KDDI	Softbank
Servicer		<b>NTT-COM/OCN-Theater</b>	<b>Plala/4<sup>th</sup>MEDIA</b>	<b>OnDemand TV</b>	Hikari Plus TV	BBTV
Network		IPv6 FTTH			IPv4 FTTH/DSL	
Codec		MPEG2TS	MPEG2PS 6Mbps	MPEG2	MPEG2	MPEG2
Service	Multicast TV	61ch	61ch	35ch	30ch	43ch
	VOD	6,000 titles	12,000 titles	5,000 titles	5,000 titles	5,000 titles
	Karaoke	○	○	○	○	○
	Game	○		○		○

- ▶ **2nd-Gen. IPTV** : In Mar 2008, NTT-Plala's "Hikari-TV" has started its commercial service, which compliant with the IPTV Forum Japan Standard that is a proactive deployment of ITU-T H.721

Service	<b>(1) IP re-transmission of Terrestrial Digital TV, (2) Multicast TV, (3) VOD, (4) Karaoke, (5) Archives On Demand, (6) USB-HDD Digital Recording</b>
IP-STB	<b>ITU-T H.264, H.701, H.721, H.750, H.762, H.770... Compliant</b>
Network	<b>NGN or FTTH Service</b>
Codec	<b>H.264(AVC) / MPEG2, TS/TTS, 10Mbps to 14Mbps(HD), 4 to 6Mbps(SD)</b>
DRM	<b>Marlin</b>

**The number of the subscriber of the standard compliant IPTV service "Hikari TV" exceeds 1M within 2 years**



## 8. Conclusion

- ▶ H.721 specifies the functions to be supported by IPTV terminal devices that are operated on the managed network.
- ▶ The main target devices are IP-STB and TV set embedded with IPTV function.
- ▶ Included services are Linear-TV, VoD, Service navigation and public internet services.
- ▶ Conformance testing specifications (HSTP.CONF-H721) was approved and tested in ITU-T Interop events.
- ▶ Multiple of H.721 compliant terminal devices has been already implemented and deployed.



# Thank you

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