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# An introduction to NTT's NGN and new services in Japan

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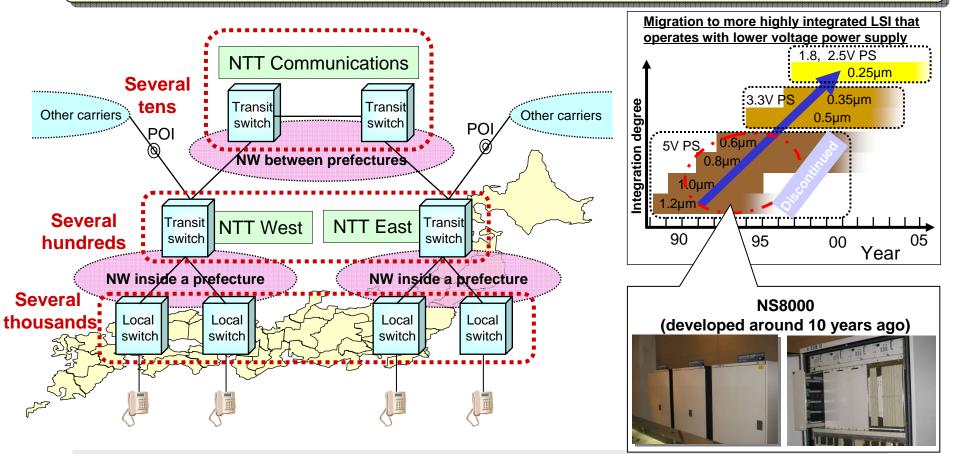
#### Japan today in 2005 (as of September 2005)

ITEMS		NUMBER	NOTE	
Population		127.8 M	11/2005, 20% is older than 64.	
Householders		50.4 M	03/2005	
Fixed lines		59.6 M	03/2005 03/2005 10 M at peak in 2001	
ISDN		8.0 M	10 M at peak in 2001	
Mobile		91.8 M	03/2006, 79.8 M have internet access,	
			70% of total population	
3G		48.3 M	70% growth last year	
W	-CDMA	26.5 M	DoCoMo & Vodafone	
cc	lma2000	21.8 M	au	
PHS		4.7 M	03/2006, 6.7 M at peak in 1997	
Broadband		24.2 M	06/2006, 40% of householders	
DSL		14.5 M	06/2006, Saturated !!	
Optical		6.3 M	06/2006, 0.85 M increase in Q2 of 2006, 84% coverage in 2004	
VoIP		8.3 M		



# Measures taken to prolong the lifetime of NTT's PSTN facilities

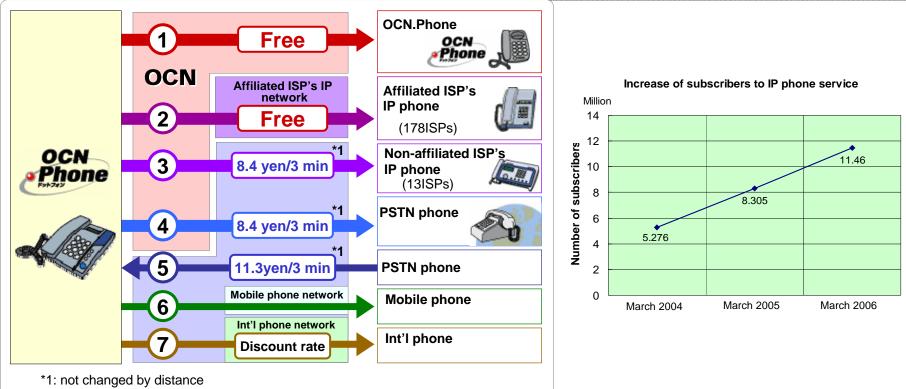
- •NTT's PSTN consists of several thousand switches.
- Although a then-state-of-art switching system (NS8000) was developed around 10 years ago, the rapid progress in technology since then has resulted in the discontinuation of production of some components used in the system. Currently, we are trying to prolong the lifetime of the switches by re-establishing sources for such components.





#### Maturing of IP telephony technology in Japan

- •IP telephony is spreading from business users (IP-PBX). Low rates (or free between specific points) offered by ISPs have increased the number of IP phone users in Japan to more than 10 million.
- •NTT already provides an IP phone service "Hikari Phone" using the ordinary telephone numbering plan.



\*Source: NTT Communications, Inc.: http://www.ocn.ne.jp/english/personal/option/voip/



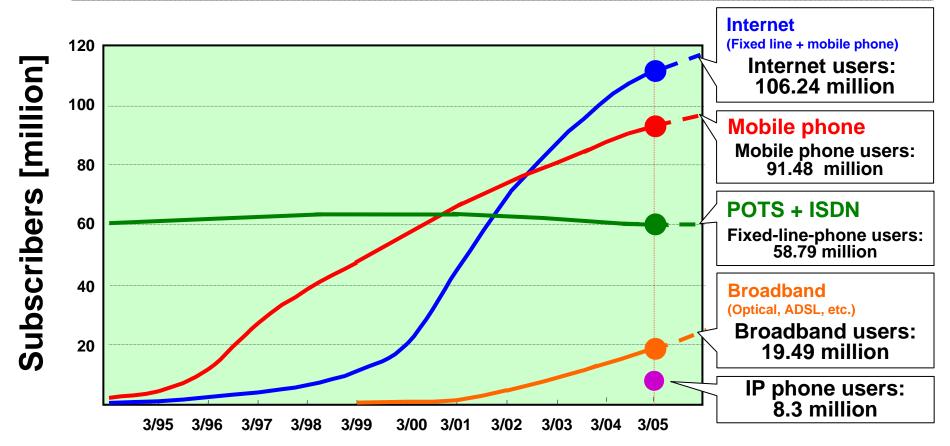


- Time is ripe for an IP network to replace PSTN.
- Migration to the IP network will reduce both capital and operational expenditure.



#### Paradigm shift of Japan's telecommunications market

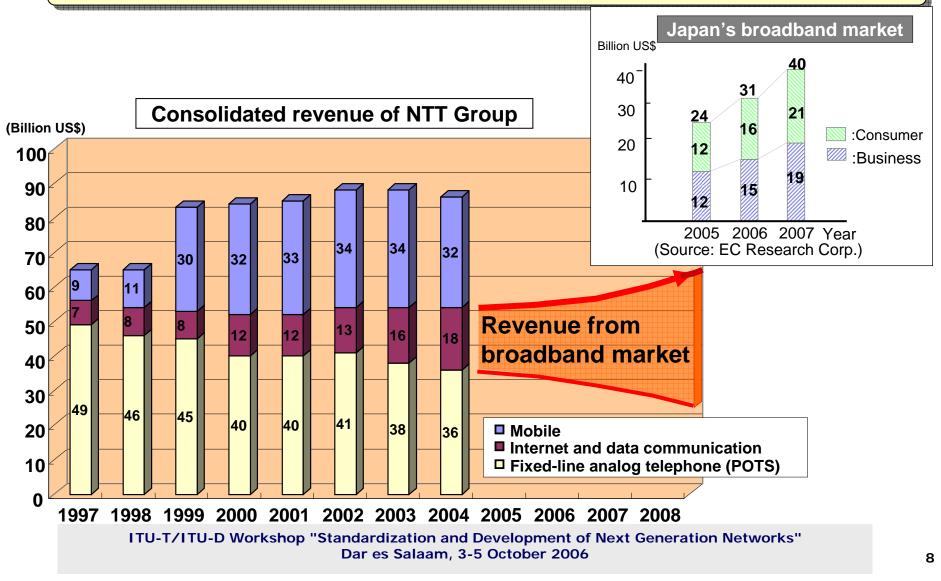
- •The number of mobile phone subscribers has far exceeded the number of subscribers to fixed-line telephony.
- •The number of Internet users continues to increase.



Sources: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Consortium for Promotion of Mobile Computing, InfoCom Research Inc., and others.



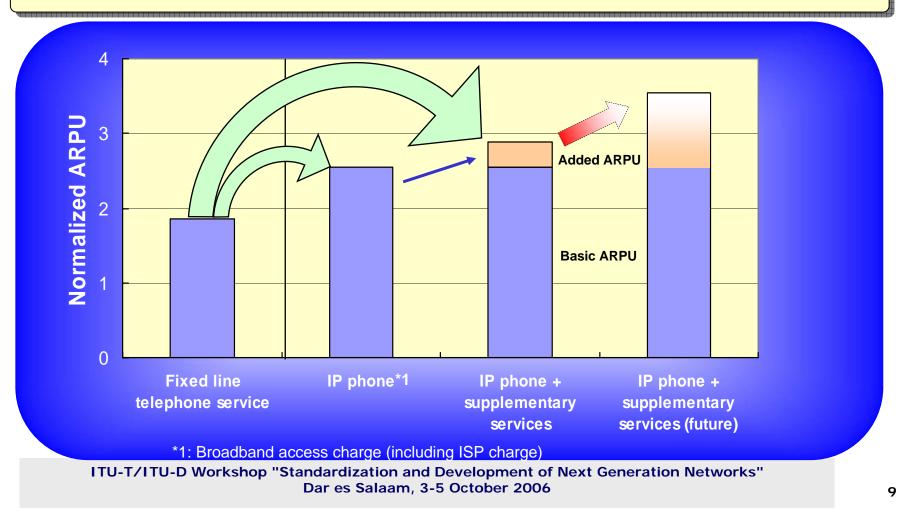
- •The revenue from broadband business has been picking up.
- •It is necessary to grow broadband business into carriers' main revenue source.





#### Increase in ARPU of broadband services

- •There is a shift from low-price IP telephony, exploiting IP technology, to the provision of value-added services, such as video delivery and videophone, exploiting the availability of broadband access.
- •The provision of value-added services is increasing ARPU.







# Carriers need to shift their main revenue source from the telephony service to broadband services.



The Japanese government's "u-Japan" Plan proposes the full development of broadband infrastructure by installing optical fiber networks nationwide.

#### 1. 100% broadband network

The projected status of a 100% broadband network, through which broadband services are made available to all communities, is as follows:

(1) Overall, <u>a variety of wireline and wireless technologies</u> will be seamlessly linked.

(2) In areas where cost-effective investment is difficult, broadband infrastructure will be built taking both investment efficiency and the needs of communities into account.

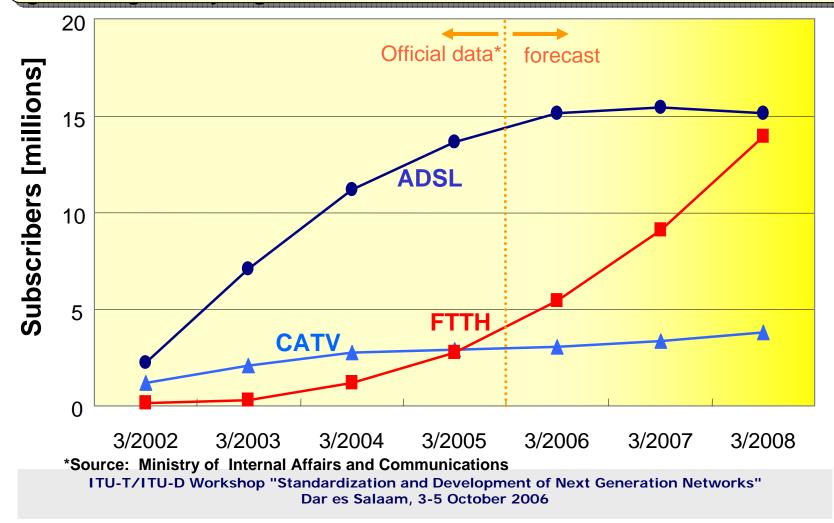
(3) Of these varieties of broadband service, <u>super-high-speed broadband</u> <u>access, mostly based on FTTH, will cover 90% of households nationwide</u>.

Source: Proposed status of broadband networks in 2010 Proposed on Aug. 11, 2006



#### Dramatic increase in the number of FTTH subscribers in Japan

Optical access is being promoted so aggressively on the basis of the u-Japan Plan that the yearly increase in the number of FTTH subscribers has already exceeded that of ADSL subscribers. The number of ADSL subscribers will soon cease to grow and gradually begin to fall.







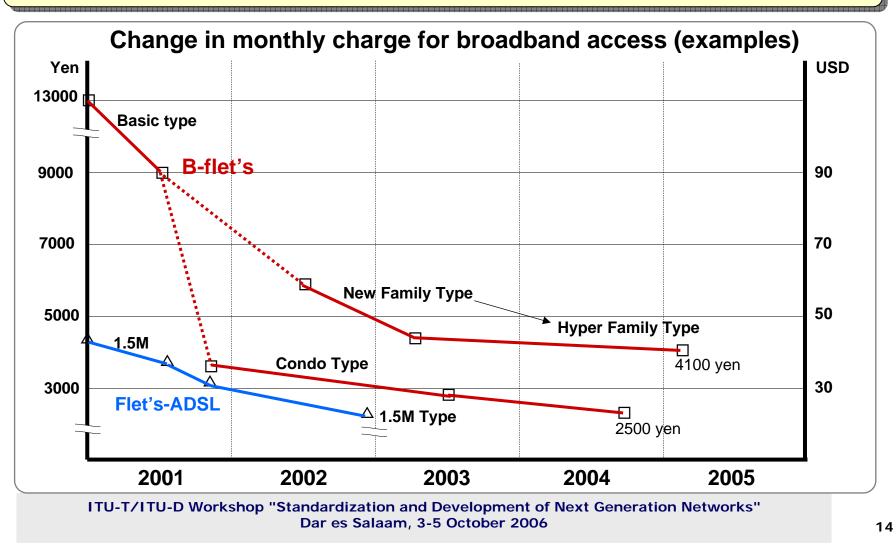
The spreading of optical access is a national policy. There are positive signs that optical access will indeed become widespread.



#### Rapid reduction in the charge for broadband access in Japan

•Competition has intensified into a price war, bringing down the charges for ADSL and even FTTH dramatically.

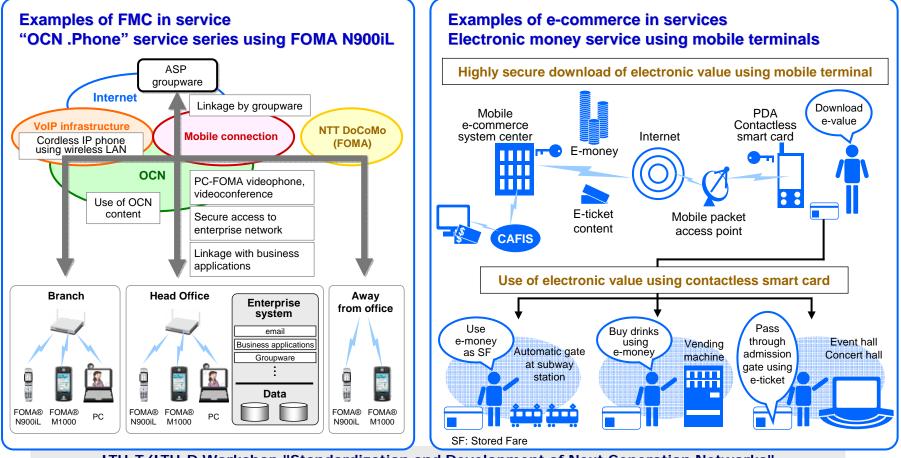
•This has resulted in a significant reduction in telecom traffic revenue.





#### **Creation of new business**

- •NTT will not only increase traffic revenue but also seek to generate non-traffic revenue.
- •NTT already attempts to create new businesses in collaboration with a variety of players outside the telecom industry.





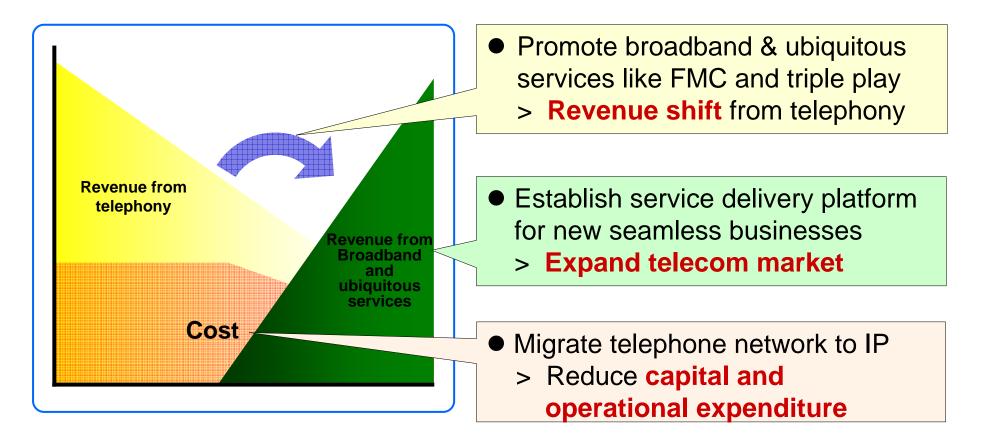


Competition has intensified into a price war, making it necessary to create new markets that will generate revenue.



#### NTT's actions to deal with the competition

It is urgent for NTT to increase profit by increasing revenue in addition to reducing capital and operational expenditure.



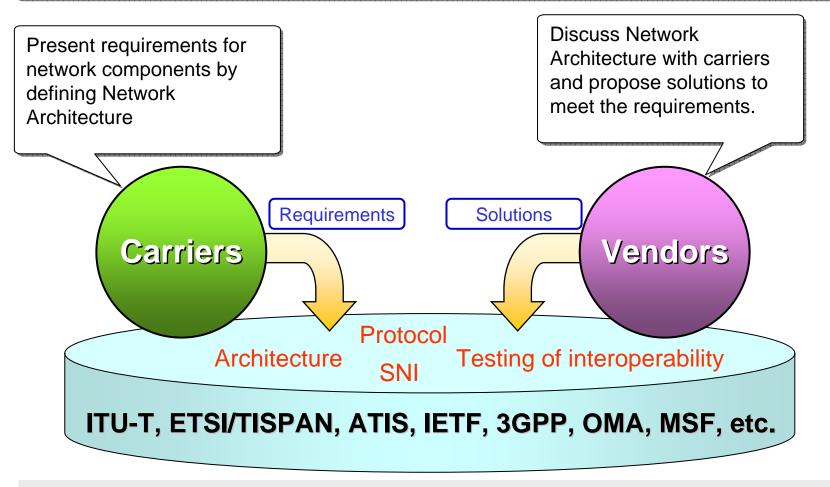


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#### Roles of carriers and vendors and their collaboration

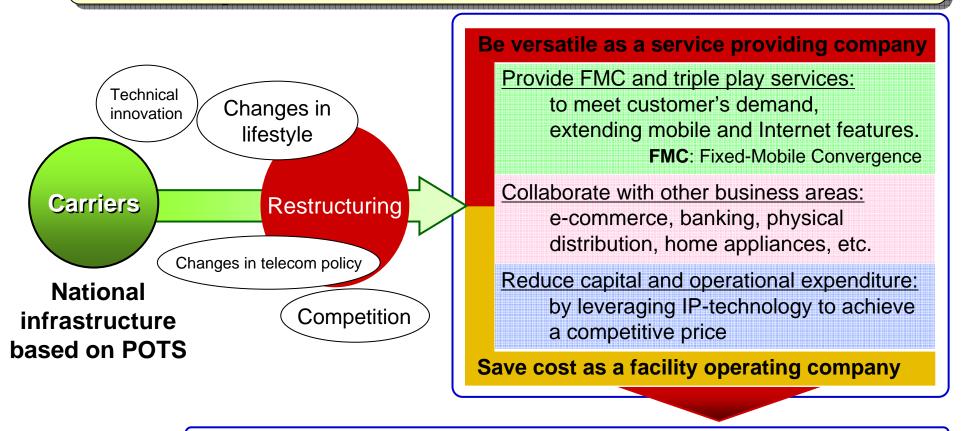
Technologies are being studied, with carriers presenting requirements and vendors proposing solutions. Standards organizations provide the fora for such discussions.





#### Future direction sought by all carriers

The external environment of carriers worldwide has changed from one where the telephone network was the main national infrastructure. All carriers are striving to face this challenge by restructuring and transforming themselves into carriers fit for the new age.



Telecom carriers should meet the requirements of the new age by building the NGN



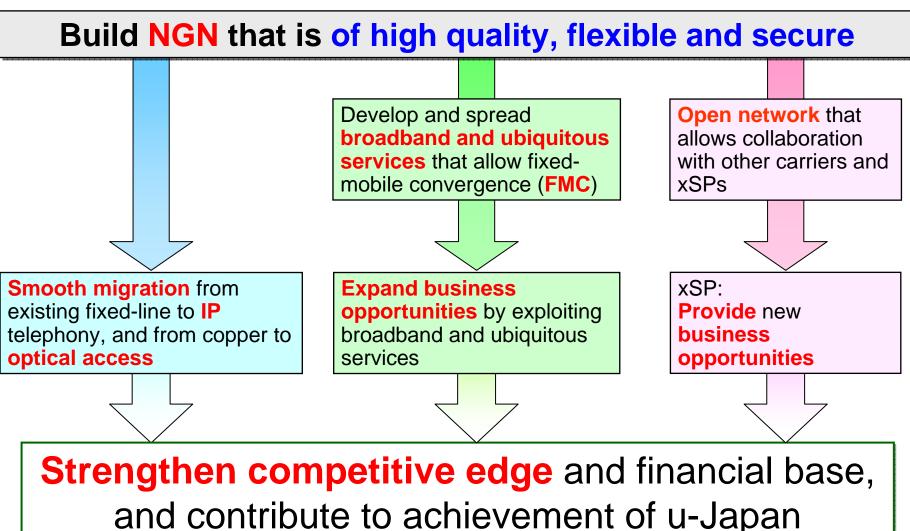
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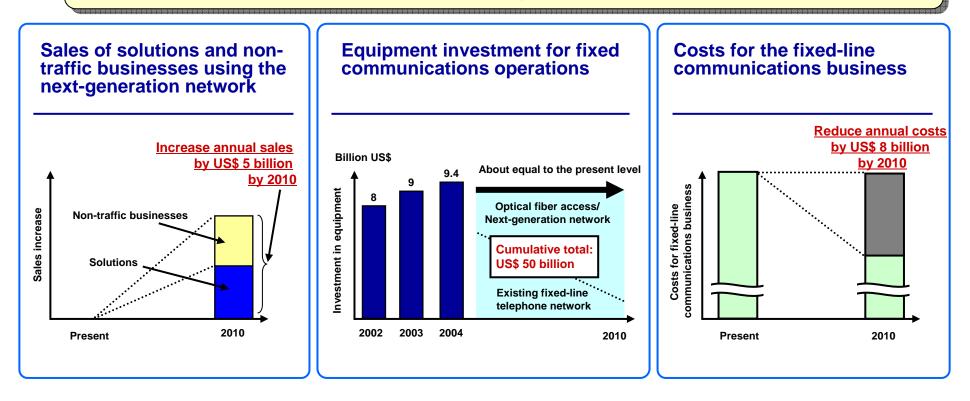
#### **Approach to NGN**





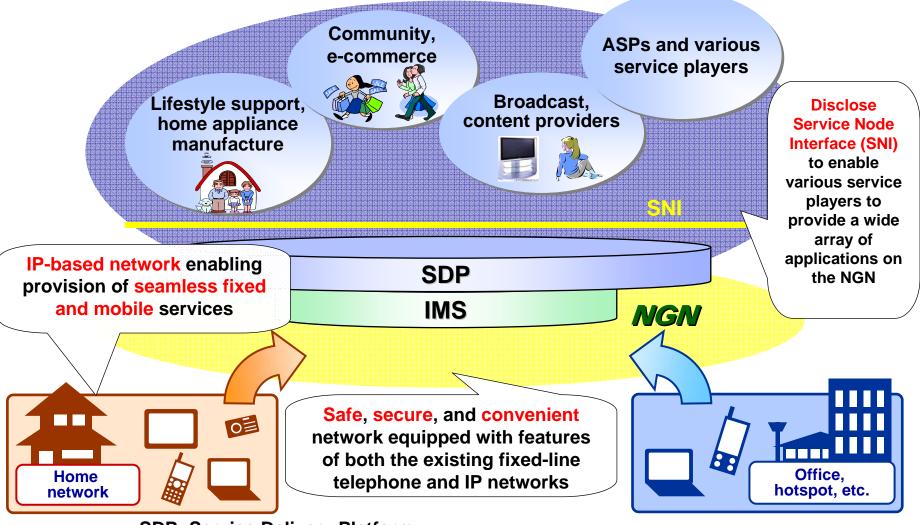
#### Major targets of NTT's NGN by 2010

- •Migrate <u>30 million customers</u> to optical fiber access and next-generation network services
- Increase annual sales of solutions and non-traffic businesses by US\$ 5 billion
- Maintain the same level of equipment investment for fixed-line communications operations (cumulative total, 2006-2010: US\$ 50 billion)
- •Reduce annual costs for PSTN operation by US\$ 8 billion.





#### **Basic concept of NTT's NGN**

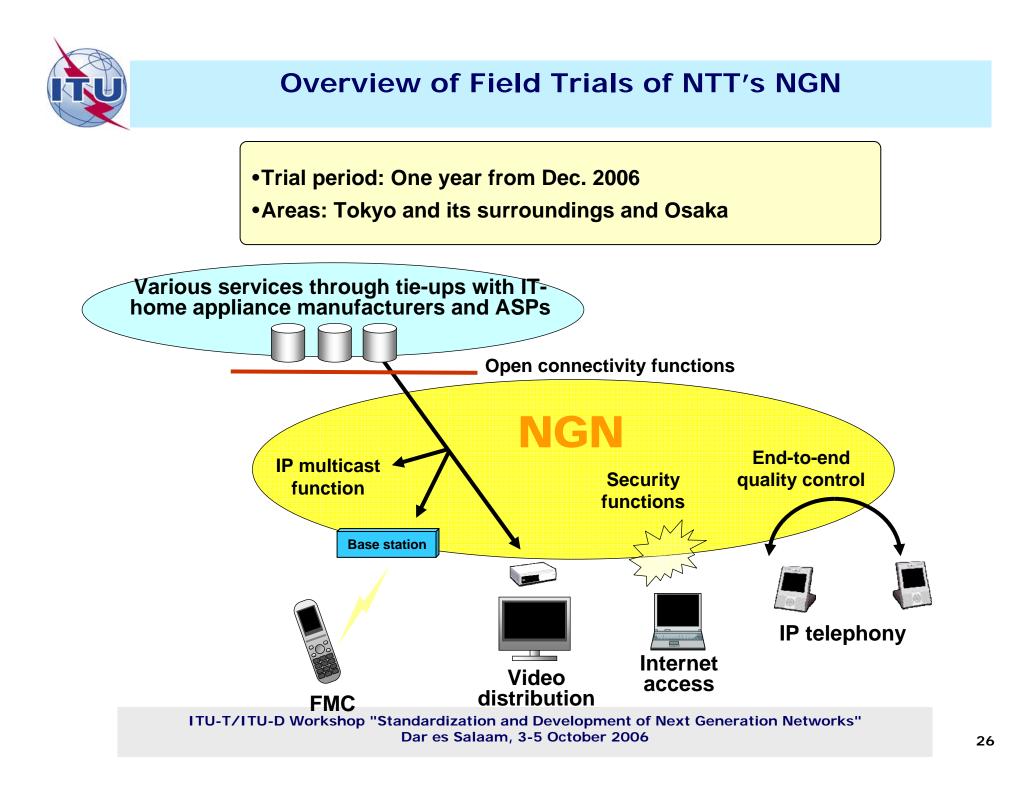


SDP: Service Delivery Platform IMS: IP Multimedia Subsystem



#### Roadmap to building NTT's NGN

Fiscal year	2006	2007		2008–		
Steps in introducing	STE	P 1			Provide optical access to 30M users (End of fiscal 2010)	
the NGN	Field to	rials	ST	EP 2	STEP 3	
Core network		twork	acce	struct ss networks loy edge nodes)	Seamless integration with mobile network	
Service control functions			∫ IMS	oy service cont deployment nforming to ITU st		
Service development	Trial services <for limited<br="">regions and use</for>	of ne	xt-ge	neration	<ul> <li>Broadband Internet access</li> <li>IP telephony</li> <li>Multicast transmission for video distribution</li> <li>Bi-directional video (data) communication</li> <li>Ethernet services, etc.</li> </ul>	





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### **4.** Future visions for the NGN



Upgrade the fixed-line telephone network to an IP telephone network by applying the latest broadband IP technology

- Provide broadband and IP telephony services at attractive prices
- Reduce capital and operational expenditure

**Deploy new broadband services** 

- Provide seamless services, such as triple play and FMC services
- Create non-traffic services

Create new markets by collaborating with various service players on the network

- Disclose Service Node Interfaces
- Provide the Service Delivery Platform, to promote collaboration.



As one of the first carriers in the world to implement an NGN, NTT will be happy to share with other countries our experiences and expertise of NGN trials and deployment.