The outline of the results of Internet Governance Forum KYOTO 2023 and the outline of Global Digital Compact

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> Date : October 8～12, 2023
> Participants : 11,145 registered, 6,279 on-site participants (178 countries and regions)
> Main theme :「**The Internet We Want - Empowering All People**」
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> Sub-themes : ①AI and Emerging Technologies ②Avoiding Internet Fragmentation
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> ③Cybersecurity, Cybercrime, and Online Safety ④Data Governance and Trust
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> ⑤Digital Divides and Inclusion ⑥Global Digital Governance and Cooperation
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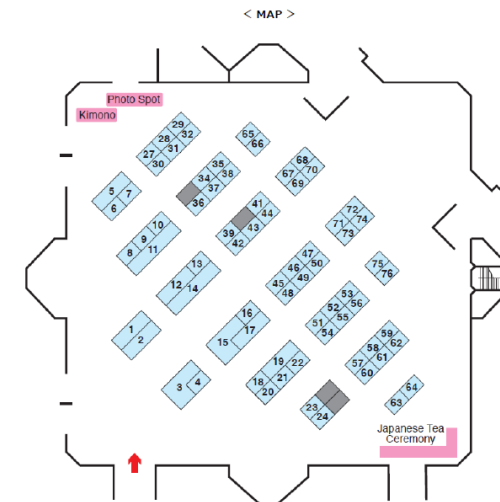> ⑦Human Rights and Freedoms ⑧Sustainability and Environment

＜Main programs＞

● Opening Ceremony
Opening Remarks by Prime Minister Kishida
Video message from Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

● High-level leaders session Artificial Intelligence
Panelists from governments, private sectors, and other multi-stakeholder groups, including non-G7
countries, expressed their support and expectations for the Hiroshima AI process.

● Closing Ceremony
Closing remarks by Vice Minister Watanabe
Video message from Mr. Lee, Deputy Secretary General of the National Electoral Commission,
and a video created by Saudi Arabia, the host country for IGF2024

Throughout the IGF, an exhibition of Internet-related companies and organizations (IGF Village) was held in the Event Hall of the Kyoto International Conference Center. Seventy-two companies and organizations from around the world exhibited, and the majority of IGF local participants visited the exhibition hall.
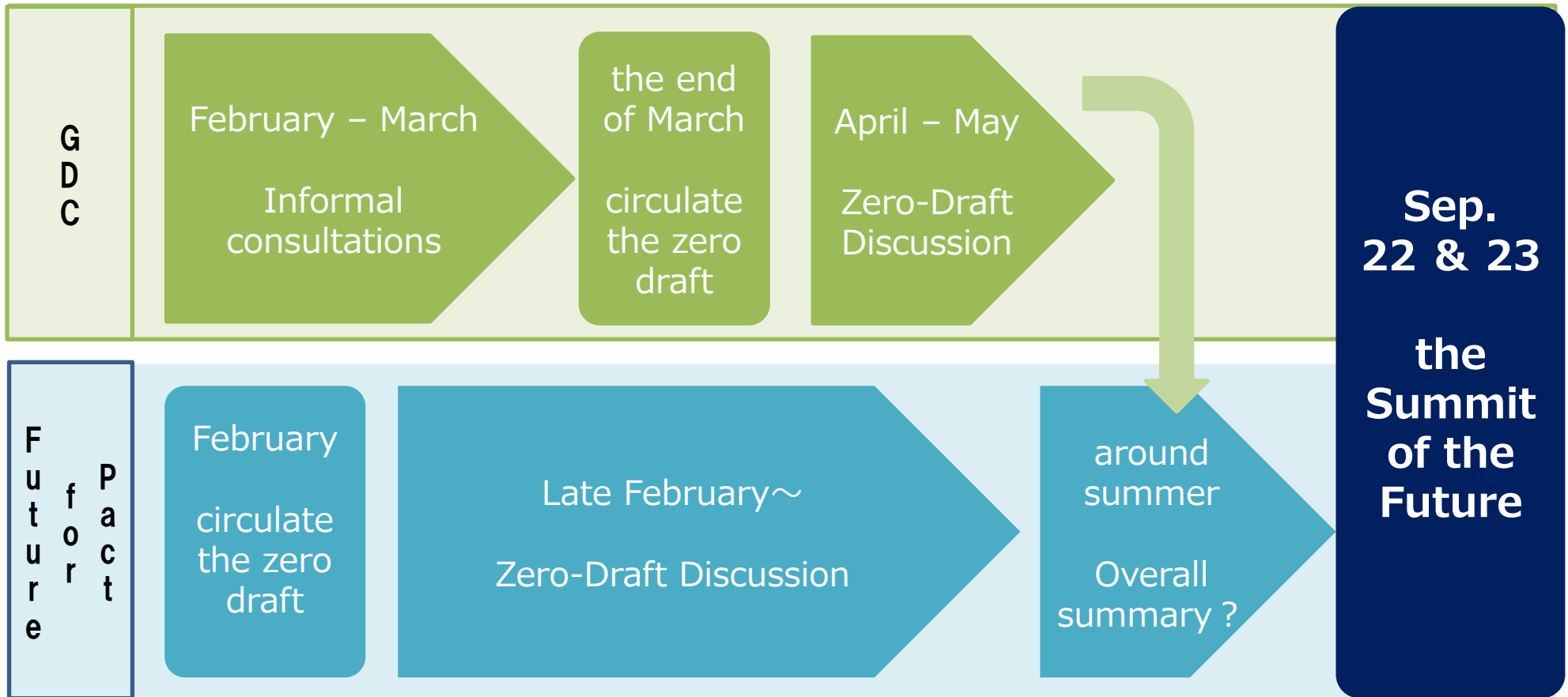
<Main exhibitions>

- ICT related companies : Remote Robotics, Metaverse, HAPS, Agricultural IoT, Security, Submarine Cable
- AI related companies : AI Chip
- Content-related companies : Manga Piracy Prevention, PlayStation
- Traditional culture-related companies : Introduction of traditional culture through 3D archiving and metaverse of cultural assets, etc.

<Main impressions of Japanese multi-stakeholder>

- I strongly felt that the IGF is a platform for dialogue, not decision-making.
- The IGF's raison d'etre may be as a forum for mediating the recent conflicts between engineers and society.
- I felt that the multi-stakeholder discussions at the IGF played a significant role as a forum for "laying the groundwork" and "soil formation" for consensus building, and also as a forum for stating and listening to "public comments. I think the role played by the IGF in international discussions is significant.
- I think the challenge for some sectors and countries is the lack of careful preparation and participation with regard to the IGF.

The outline of Global Digital Compact

GDC

February – March Informal consultations	the end of March circulate the zero draft	April – May Zero-Draft Discussion

Future for Pact

February circulate the zero draft	Late February~ Zero-Draft Discussion	around summer Overall summary ?

Sep. 22 & 23

the Summit of the Future

<Points of Importance to Japan>

- Regarding <u>digital connectivity</u>, infrastructure cooperation to bridge the digital divide.
- On an <u>inclusive, open, secure and shared Internet</u>, working with global multi-stakeholders on maintaining a free and open Internet and strengthening the IGF.
- Regarding <u>digital reliability and security</u>, he proposed Japan's efforts to combat illegal and harmful information and false information.
- Regarding <u>AI governance</u>, it is important to maintain and promote interoperable AI governance, as well as the Hiroshima AI process.