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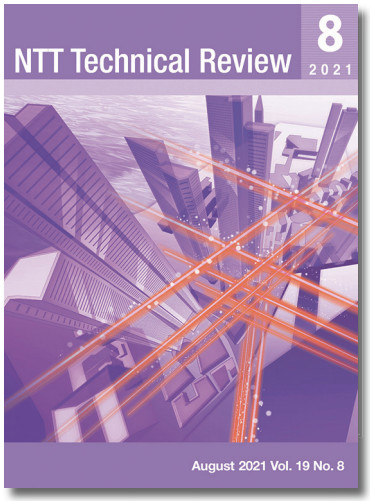


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### Shinya Tachimoto, Senior Vice President, Head of NTT Information Network Laboratory Group

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The NTT Information Network Laboratory Group aims to create a compassionate and flexible information-network infrastructure that connects everything. Researchers at the laboratory group are working diligently with pride, joy, and responsibility in creating technologies that will be implemented in society. We asked Shinya Tachimoto, senior vice president, head of the NTT Information Network Laboratory Group, about the capability required of top management of laboratories and the skills researchers should have in regard to research and development.

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Auscultation (auditory diagnosis) has been used for centuries in the fields of health screening and medical care. It has the advantage of being repeatable and non-invasive while providing immediate results; however, because it is conducted in close proximity to the patient, it is challenging to perform on patients suspected of carrying infectious diseases. We interviewed Kunio Kashino, a senior distinguished researcher, who is working on *teleauscultation* with an eye toward addressing the above challenge and the future of health management, about the progress of his research activities and his attitude as a researcher.

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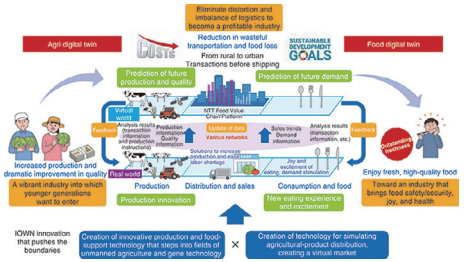
Since 2014, NTT has positioned agriculture as one of its priorities. By using the latest information and communication technology and collaborating with industry-leading partners, NTT has carried out group-wide initiatives to promote Smart Agri to solve problems in the entire food value chain, i.e., from production to distribution, sales, and consumption, in primary industries, such as agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. This article overviews the NTT Group's initiatives and describes the latest examples of initiatives that will lead to the digital agricultural revolution.