NTT Tsukuba Forum 2008 Workshop Lectures

The special feature in this issue presents three workshop lectures given at NTT Tsukuba Forum 2008 held by NTT Access Network Service Systems Laboratories on Oct. 15 and 16, 2008 as a seasonal tradition in autumn at Tsukuba. The lectures reviewed the trends of recent topics among NTT's technologies on the theme of "Access Network that Creates Secure Platform and Safety for the Next Generation", described NTT's research and development efforts, and predicted future developments for optical access network technologies. They were originally given in Japanese.

The workshop lectures were:

- Optical Access Systems and Operations
 by Hiroshi Uno, Project Manager, Fourth Promotion Project, NTT Access Network
 Service Systems Laboratories.
- Infrastructure Facilities Management Technology for Safe and Secure Communications by Toshiaki Iida, Project Manager, Civil Engineering Project, NTT Access Network Service Systems Laboratories.
- Next-generation Optical Fiber Cable System Technology for FTTH Expansion Period by Masatoshi Shimizu, Project Manager, Access Media Project, NTT Access Network Service Systems Laboratories.