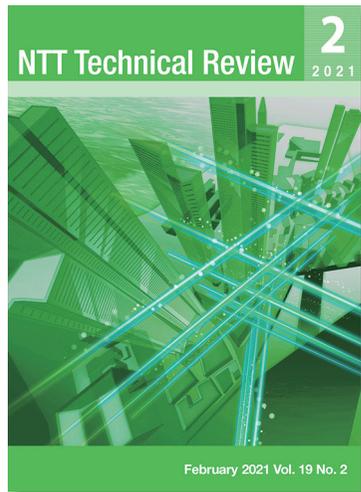


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To solve social problems, it is important to promote digital transformation using information and communication technology. The efforts of the NTT Group to solve such problems have been highly evaluated both in Japan and overseas, e.g., being selected as a "Derwent Top 100 Global Innovator" for nine consecutive years. We asked Naoki Shibutani, a senior executive vice president of NTT, about his current duties and the required attitude of the senior management regarding the ability of their employees to solving social problems in the world that has changed significantly due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.



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Jun Sawada, President and Chief Executive Officer, NTT

▼Abstract

The "Road to IOWN," NTT's initiatives aimed at implementing the concept known as the Innovative Optical and Wireless Network (IOWN), is introduced in this article, which is based on a lecture given by Jun Sawada, NTT President and Chief Executive Officer, at the NTT R&D Forum 2020 Connect held from November 17th to 20th, 2020.



Katsuhiko Kawazoe, Executive Vice President, Head of Research and Development Planning Department, NTT

▼Abstract

This article presents a lecture given by Dr. Katsuhiko Kawazoe, NTT Executive Vice President, Head of Research and Development Planning Department, at NTT R&D Forum 2020 Connect held from November 17th to 20th, 2020. The lecture introduced NTT's latest research and development activities, focusing on the Innovative Optical and Wireless Network (IOWN).



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▼Abstract

A data-centric society is coming in which real-world data will create various types of value. As the data-centric society advances, the demand for system infrastructure and software-development methods is expected to increase. This article introduces various technical issues and NTT R&D's efforts toward creating a future information-processing infrastructure that will support the data-centric society and respond to the evolution of society and technology.