A view from the administration of Japan

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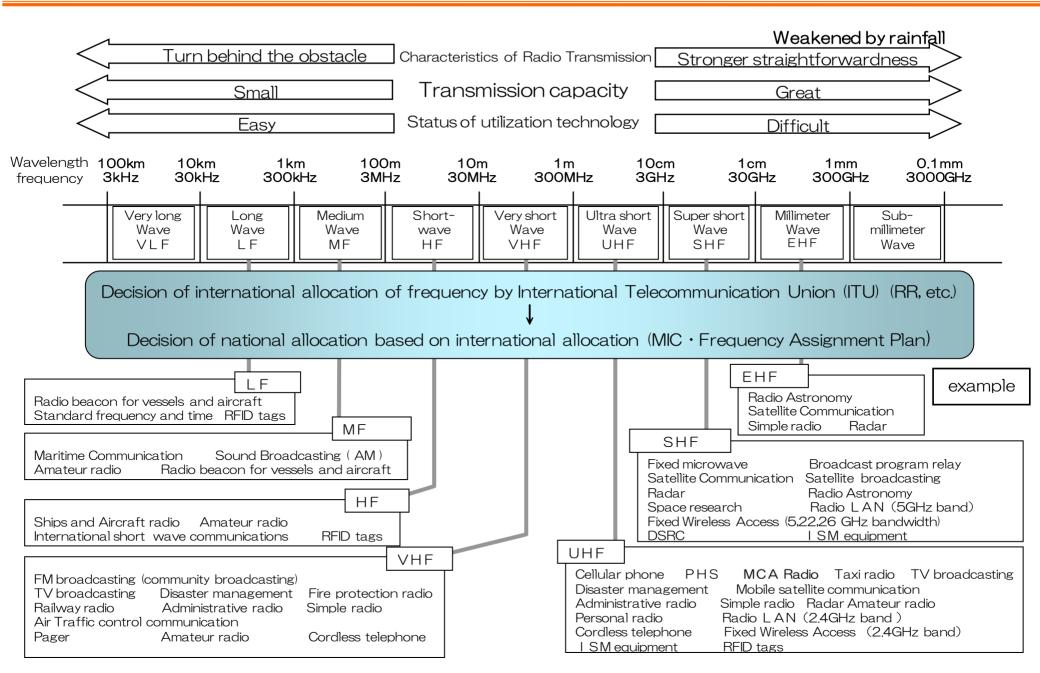


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Outline of Japan's radio use

Current Situation of Spectrum Use in Japan (by frequency band)





Change in Wireless Usage in Japan



1950

1985

2010

Public service

(broadcasting, communication systems for safety and security on ships and aircraft)

Deregulation of market entry restrictions

Wireless usage by private sectors expanded rapidly

Mobile phone

100 million subscribers. increase of 3G System ratio (approx. 90%)

· Wireless Access System spreads

> Approx. 115.87 million stations

Approx. 113.96 million stations

Approx. 0.105 million stations

Approx. 0.025 million stations

Approx. 1.788 million stations

Mobile stations

Fixed stations

Broadcast stations

Future

Radio spectrum used in various ways (expand need of new wireless usage)

(Example new wireless usage)

Mobile Office /Home



Alterative for wire broadband communication

(realization of broadband communication in depopulated area



Safe/secure advanced ITS

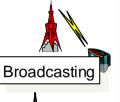


Next-generation information appliances, home networks



5.118 stations

Mobile stations 4.195 stations Fixed stations 552 stations Broadcast stations 80 stations Others 291 stations



Local public agency

Marine Communication for communication security

Fire station

Approx. 3.81 million stations Mobile stations

Approx. 1.07 million stations

Fixed stations

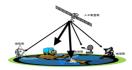
Approx. 0.038 million stations

Broadcast stations

Approx. 0.024 million stations

Others

Approx. 2.68 million stations



Satellite communication



Fixed microwave network

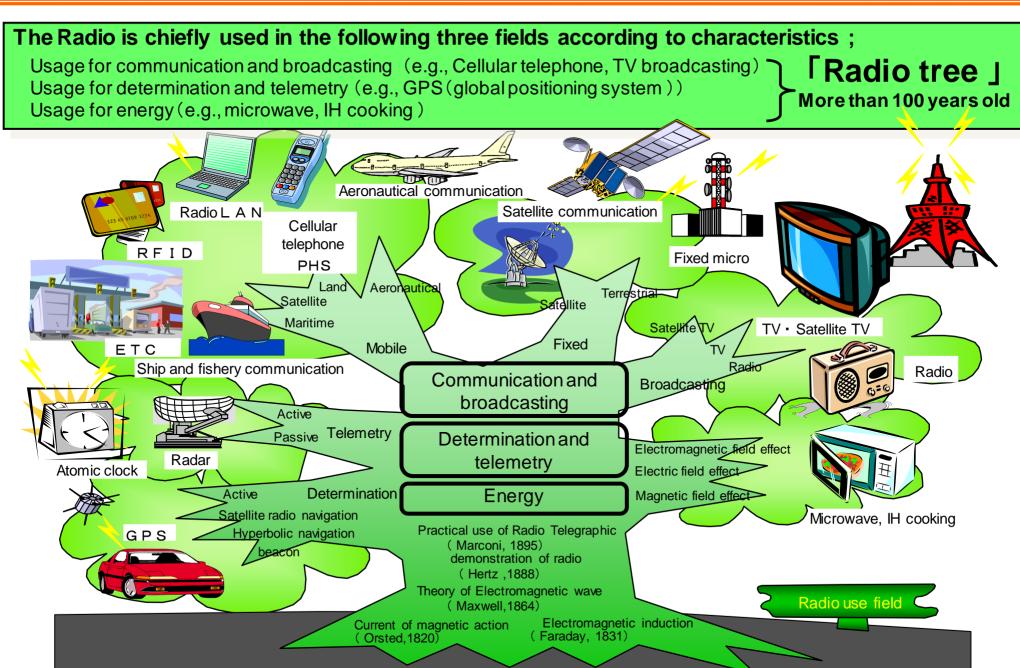
Mobile phone Internet connection via

mobile phone

Wireless LAN

Three major wireless Usage Fields





Position of radio astronomy services

"Frequency Assignment Plan"



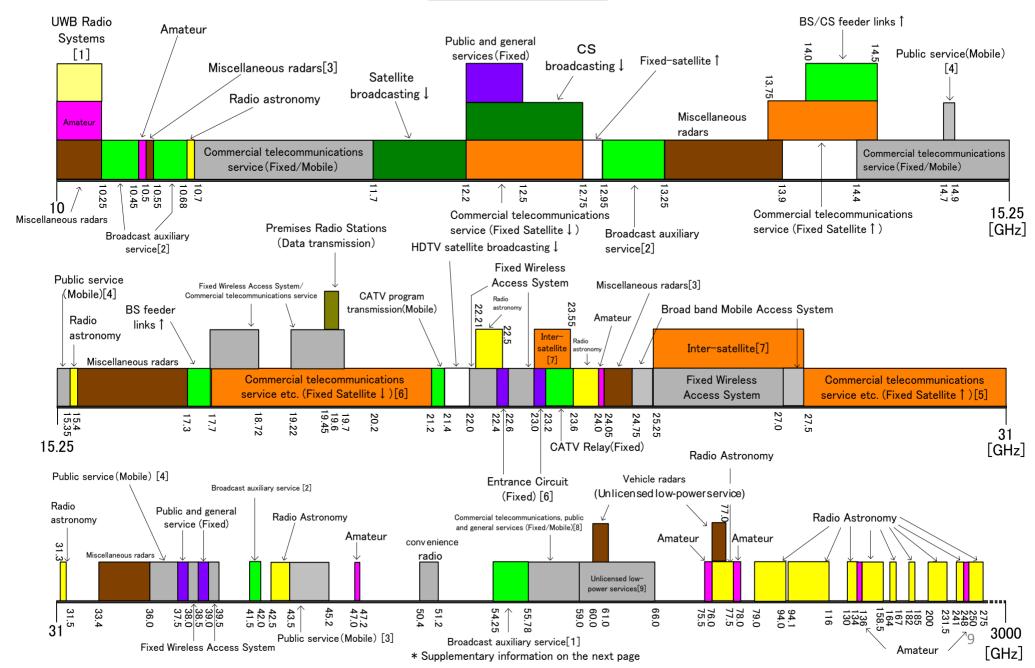
- The "Frequency Assignment Plan" is a table showing assignable frequencies in Japan.
- The Plan was established and disclosed by the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications under the provisions of Item 1 of Article 26 of the Radio Act.

Radio Act (Act No. 131 of 1950) -Latest revision: Act No. 136 of December 28, 2007 -

Article 26 (Frequency Assignment Plan)

(1) The Minister shall prepare and offer for public perusal a list of available frequencies (hereinafter referred to as the "Frequency Assignment Plan") and shall issue a public notice of the Frequency Assignment Plan. The same shall apply when the Frequency Assignment Plan is revised.

Above 10GHz

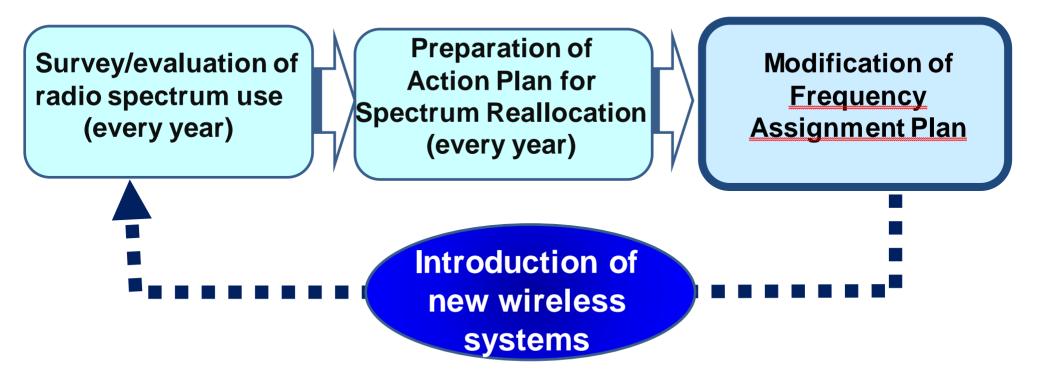


Approach to Spectrum Relocation/Reallocation



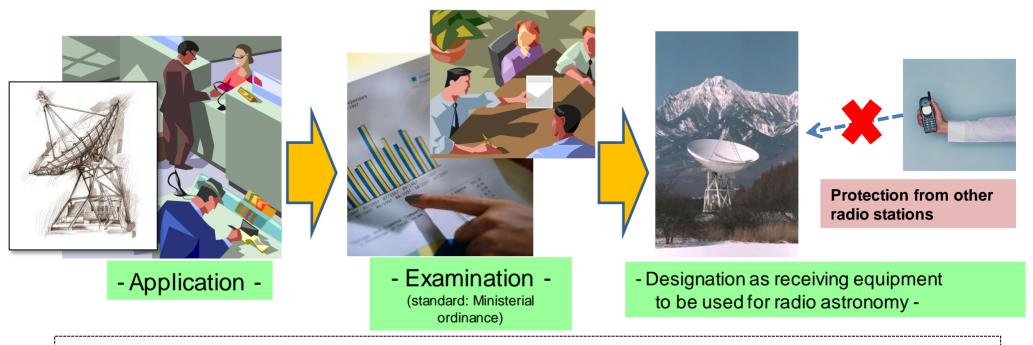
- O In order to secure frequencies to introduce new wireless systems, radio spectrum usage is surveyed and evaluated every year. The Action Plan for Spectrum Reallocation defining relocation/reallocation policies is then prepared.
- O Based on the results of the above and other inputs, the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications prepares the Frequency Assignment Plan.

Cycle of Spectrum Relocation/Reallocation



Designation as receiving equipment to be used for radio astronomy (1)





Radio Act (Act No. 131 of 1950)

Latest revision: Act No. 136 of December 28, 2007

Article 56 (Prevention of Radio Interference, etc.)

- (1) A radio station shall be operated in such a way as not to cause interference or any other disturbance that impairs the operation of other radio stations, receiving equipment that is used for radio astronomy (referring to a service to receive radio waves from outer space), or other receiving equipment specified by the applicable MIC ordinance (except equipment in radio stations), which is designated by the Minister. However, this shall not apply to the communications listed in Article 52 items (i) through (iv).
- (2) The designation prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be made upon application by a person who has installed receiving equipment pertaining to said designation.
- (3) The Minister shall, upon making a designation prescribed in paragraph (1), issue a public notice of the matters specified by the applicable MIC ordinance, for the receiving equipment pertaining to said designation.
- (4) In addition to the matters prescribed in the preceding two paragraphs, application procedures for the designation, standards for the designation, revocation of the designation, and other matters necessary for the designation prescribed in paragraph (1) shall be specified by the applicable MIC ordinance.

Designation as receiving equipment to be used for radio astronomy 2





<Screening criterion point>

- O The receiving equipment use the frequency for radio astronomy services, that is shown in the "Frequency Assignment Plan".
- O The receiving equipment has the appropriate performance.
- O There is no obstacle in the passive services, when the existing radio station is provided that is necessary for the common welfare.
- O The passive services must be provided for the common welfare.

< Current situation >

The receiving equipment to be used for radio astronomy;

Designated equipment by Radio Act;

130 station (2/2009)

34 station

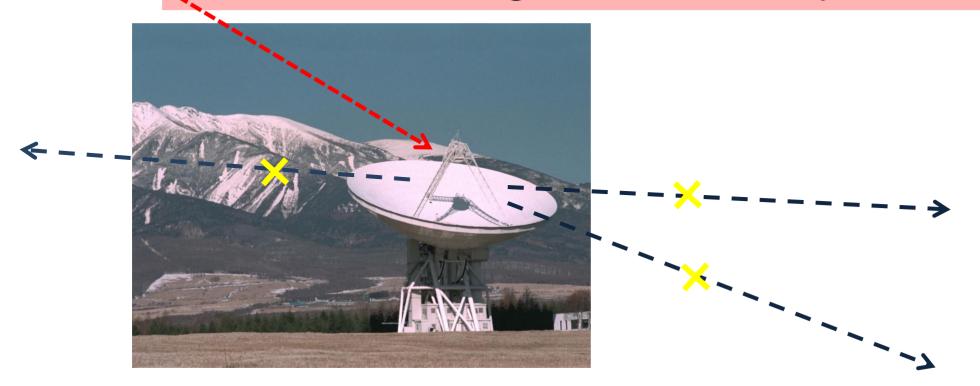
Characteristics of radio astronomy viewpoint of the administration

Characteristics of radio astronomy 1





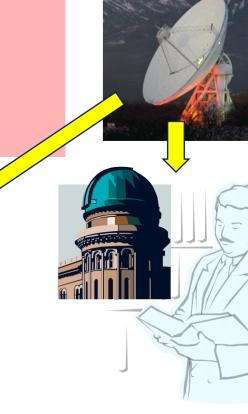
Characteristics 1> The equipment for radio astronomy has a receiving function only.



Characteristics of radio astronomy 2



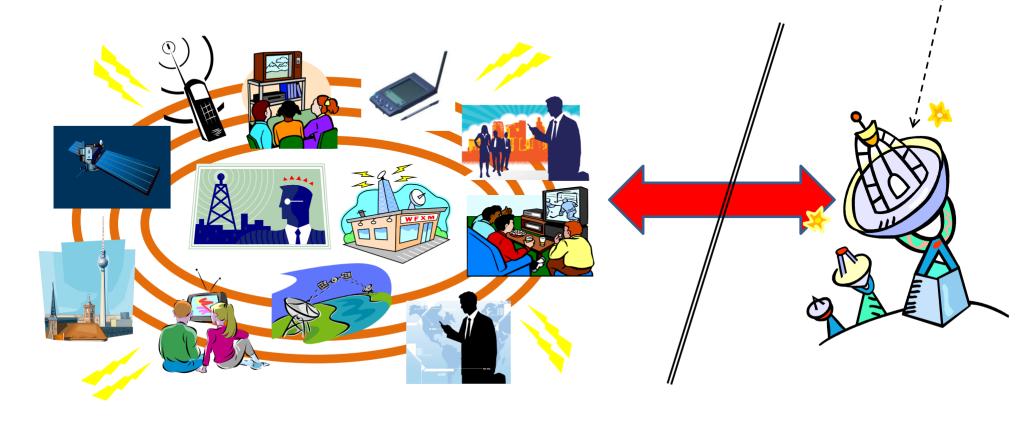
Characteristics 2>
The purpose of the radio astronomy services is "Academic search of the cosmos and space".



Characteristics of radio astronomy 3



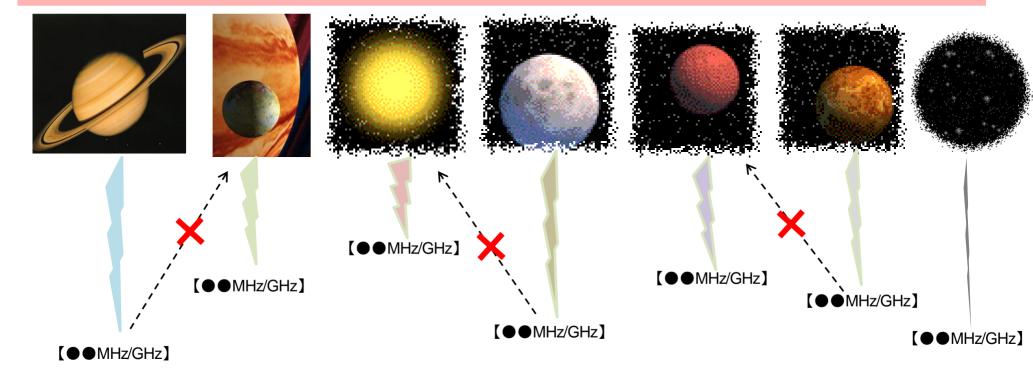
Characteristics 3 >
Existence of dynamic range of the receiving equipment for radio astronomy



Characteristics of radio astronomy (4)



<Characteristics 4> Non-substitution of the frequency for the radio astronomy



(For the radio astronomy services) Future policy of the administration

Future policy of the administration



 Based on the different purposes of radio astronomy services and other radio station services, judgment from neutral stance and harmony of both services

- Construction of closely coordinated system of administration and radio astronomy, and mutual understanding
- Consider;
 Screening criterion to designation of the equipment for radio astronomy





- Material to judges right/wrong of designation of equipment
- The amount of permissible interference of the designated equipment is set.

Thank you for your kind attention!



