

OPENING REMARKS BY FCC CHAIRMAN JAMES H. QUELLO
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- o On behalf of the Federal Communications Commission, I welcome you, Deputy Minister Igarashi, and the delegation of Japan to these bilateral policy discussions. We thank the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Japan for accepting our invitation to come to the United States and discuss the telecommunications policy issues facing our two nations.**

- o Although the United States and Japan are very different countries, the challenges we face are similar as we develop telecommunications systems to serve the needs of our citizens into the 21st century.**

- o Mobile communications is currently a particular focus of our attention. It's a growth sector of increasing importance to users. The FCC's role in fostering mobile services requires a number of complicated decisions, including spectrum allocations and regulatory and service rules.**

- o On Thursday of this week the Commission will establish rules for personal communications services in the United States. I understand that some of you may be attending Thursday's open Commission meeting to listen to our public discussion.**

I am pleased that you will be there to observe our proceedings. I hope that our dialogue today and the public discussion on Thursday will serve as forums for the greater sharing of information on our respective regulatory approaches for this important new mobile service.

- o There are a number of other significant issues scheduled to be discussed at these bilateral meetings. Over the course of the last twenty-five years the FCC has sought to increase competition in the provision of telecommunications facilities and services. We have consistently found that competition speeds development and deployment of innovative services and technologies and, thus, provides greater choice and better services to the public. We look forward to discussing our competitive regulatory approaches in the areas of telecommunications and mass media with you.**

- o On behalf of the Federal Communications Commission, let me say that we welcome the opportunity this occasion provides for us to exchange information and become better acquainted with our respective approaches to the challenges of maximizing the benefits of communications technologies for our countries.**