

# ■ Remarks for Special Issue on Public Safety

The NEC Group Vision 2017 describes how we envision ourselves 7 years from now: “a leading global company leveraging the power of innovation to realize an information society friendly to humans and the earth,” and we are committing all our efforts and resources to its achievement. The creation of a safe and secure society is one of the essential components for realizing an information society friendly to humans and the earth, and it is one of the fields where we are focusing our efforts. NEC has developed and announced a mid-term growth plan called “V2012.” With the public safety business positioned as one of its core areas, we are persistently devoting our energies toward reaching this mid-term goal.

NEC Group’s long pursuit of C&C (the integration of Computers & Communications) and other advances have contributed to a level playing field that is open globally. Developing nations have an increasingly powerful voice in global affairs, the picture of our finite global resources has become even clearer, and awareness of the earth’s environment has become indispensable. It can be said that we live in an age in which we must think and act on matters from a global perspective. And when we turn our eyes to what is happening around us, we cannot help but notice the increase in crime and terrorism that has accompanied the advent of a borderless world, growing anxiety about cyber security, food safety problems, an increasing number of natural disasters, the threats of new disease and other issues that must be addressed with global awareness.

NEC Group is providing cutting-edge technology and solutions to these problems, and moving forward with studies that will lead to the creation of a safe and secure society on a global scope.

This special issue takes a close look at our public safety business and how it will contribute to building a safer and more secure world, and introduces our new products, solutions and services as well as the platform technologies that support them. NEC Group has devoted long years to the research and development of the platform technologies that support our public safety business. Probably the best known is our competency in biometric authentication technologies such as fingerprint identification, which is recognized as number one in the world. Topping the list of solutions that employ this technology is our immigration control system, which has

already been deployed in over 30 countries around the world where it is demonstrating its capabilities. As exemplified by this system, our public safety-related products and solutions leverage the power of their platform technologies to fulfill the needs of countless users on a global scale. By presenting the reader with a glimpse of NEC's endeavors in the pages of this special issue, we hope to provide insight of how the public safety solutions provided by our company are making a global contribution to the realization of a safe and secure society.

In the future, NEC Group shall continue to provide public safety solutions and services that respond to the needs of people around the world, and aim at globally growing our business. Recognizing that fulfilling this role will be vital to NEC's vision of becoming a leading global company that leverages the power of innovation to realize an information society friendly to humans and the earth, our entire Group is unified in its endeavors. On behalf of everyone at NEC, I would like to thank you for your support and hope that you will continue to provide us with your encouragement in the future.



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