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NTT DoCoMo's KAZOU IMAI TO ADDRESS MULTISERVICE SWITCHING TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

Industry Visionary Will Offer Perspective On Next Generation Services

Fremont, Calif., October 30, 2001- The Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) today announced that switching technology pioneer Dr. Kazou Imai of NTT DoCoMo will be the keynote speaker at the Forum's next Technical Committee meeting in Osaka, Japan. At the November 6 – 8 meeting, Dr. Imai will address the forum on "Next Generation Mobile Networking and Services Beyond 3G."

"The MSF is privileged to have Dr. Imai as our guest speaker at our first MSF meeting in Asia," said Roger Ward, MSF president. "This is very important to the MSF membership because it demonstrates the commitment of NTT, arguably one of the most important global players in the telecommunication networks of tomorrow, to the work of the MSF in its role of accelerating the development of multi-service/multi-technology/multi-vendor network solutions."

About Dr. Imai

Kazuo Imai is vice president and general manager of Network Laboratories at NTT DoCoMo, Inc. He has over twenty years of experience in research and development of communications technology at NTT in various topic areas including data switching systems design, ISDN interface definition, Broadband ISDN access network technology and network middleware platforms. Imai served as vice president of NTT America from 1994 to 1998, leading technology transfer and network services development in the U.S.A. for NTT's global businesses.

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About the MSF

The Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) is a global association of service providers and system suppliers committed to developing and promoting open-architecture, multiservice switching systems. Founded in 1998, the MSF is an open-membership organization comprised of the world's leading telecommunications companies. The MSF's activities include developing implementation agreements, promoting worldwide compatibility and interoperability, and encouraging input to appropriate national and international standards bodies. For more information about the MSF and its members, visit the MSF web site at <http://www.msforum.org>.

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