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Yo Honma, President and Chief Executive Officer, NTT DATA

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It has been over half a century since the Data Communications Division was established within the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation (now NTT) in 1967, which was spun off as NTT DATA in 1988. NTT DATA has earned the trust of many of its clients by understanding their business operations and using its technology to create and operate new systems that support society. We interviewed Yo Honma, president and chief executive officer of NTT DATA, who is leading the company's transformation while maintaining long-term relationships with clients, about the business environment surrounding NTT DATA and his thoughts as a top executive.



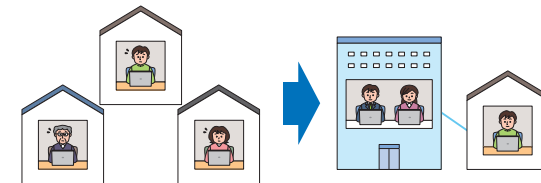
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Research and Development for Enabling the Remote World

Toward the Remote World in Which Life Is Many Times More Enjoyable—From “Remote by Necessity” to “Remote by Choice”

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The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has forced people to change their lifestyles and become *remote*. To enable people to choose a remote lifestyle or combine remote and real-world lifestyles so as to enrich their lives, NTT Human Informatics Laboratories is aiming to enable the Remote World unique to the post-pandemic era in two ways: (i) identifying and analyzing issues specific to new lifestyles from a wide range of perspectives including not only technology but also social science and humanities and (ii) promoting research and development regarding such issues.



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Initiatives toward Open RAN

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The fifth-generation mobile communications system (5G) network will need to support a wide range of services compared with past networks. To meet this need, it will be necessary to construct a flexible network that can accommodate all types of services. The Open Radio Access Network (RAN) can make this a reality. This article provides an overview of Open RAN, presents the current state of the O-RAN ALLIANCE that promotes Open RAN standards, and describes the 5G Open RAN Ecosystem, a new NTT DOCOMO Open RAN initiative.

