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Nomination of Hiroki Harada for TSG RAN WG1 vice chair

Dear Ms. Kooistra and Mr. Merias

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation for the nomination of Dr. Hiroki Harada from NTT DOCOMO/ARIB to the position of vice chair of 3GPP TSG RAN WG1.

First of all, on behalf of NTT DOCOMO, I would like to express our full support for his nomination and all his activities should he be elected as the 3GPP TSG RAN WG1 vice chair. We can state with great confidence that he is dedicated and has the skills necessary to be effective as vice chair.

Hiroki Harada joined NTT DOCOMO in 2008 and has since been involved in research and development (R&D) activities related to wireless access technologies for LTE-Advanced, LTE-Advanced Pro, 5G, 5G evolution and 6G. He has been an active contributor to 3GPP since 2012. He has worked on various issues such as LTE small cell enhancements, LTE/NR in unlicensed spectrum, NR initial access and mobility, Dynamic spectrum sharing between LTE and NR, IAB, LTE/NR UE capabilities and so on. He led many technical discussions, served as rapporteur for the RAN1 email discussions and coordinated offline discussions. In addition, He has also contributed 3GPP TSG-RAN WG1 as session chair for LTE/NR UE capabilities discussions. He also contributed 3GPP TSG-RAN WG4 and TSG-RAN plenary.

Through these experiences and his R&D activities, he has gained deep technical knowledge and understanding regarding 3GPP systems and working procedures. In addition, he will be trained to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as a vice chair.

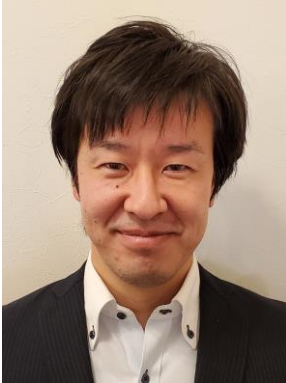
In summary, senior NTT DOCOMO management believes Hiroki Harada has the relevant technical background and leadership skills to undertake the demanding appointment. As such, I am proud to nominate Dr. Harada for the vice chair of TSG RAN WG1. Please accept his nomination accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,



Takehiro Nakamura
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Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Hiroki Harada



Hiroki Harada is currently a manager of the standardization team in NTT DOCOMO, INC.

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Hiroki Harada received the B.E., M.E. and Ph.D. degrees from Yokohama National University, Kanagawa, Japan, in 2003, 2005 and 2008, respectively. From 2005 to 2008, he had been a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) research fellow.