

## **Keio University to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor upon Dr. Vinton Cerf, Father of the Internet**

Keio University will confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor upon Dr. Vinton Gray Cerf, the Father of the Internet, in appreciation of his significant contributions in constructing the basic concept of network technology, which became the origin of the Internet upon which modern infrastructure relies, and in the design and development of Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). The Conferring Ceremony and Commemorative Lecture will be held on Thursday, September 13, from 14:40. We welcome members of the press.

### **1. Conferring Ceremony and Commemorative Lecture**

#### Conferring Ceremony

Time and Date: Thursday, September 13, 14:40-15:10 (Doors open at 13:40.)

Venue: Public Speaking Hall "Mita Enzetsu-kan", Keio University Mita Campus

#### Commemorative Lecture

Title: Re-Inventing the Internet

Time and Date: Thursday, September 13, 15:20-16:20 (Doors open at 14:20)

Venue: North Building Conference Hall, Keio University Mita Campus

Keio University Mita Campus

2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Directions to Mita Campus: <http://www.keio.ac.jp/en/maps/mita.html>

Language: English (No interpretation provided for either Conferring Ceremony or Commemorative Lecture)

**Broadcasts of the Conferring Ceremony and Commemorative Lecture will be available on the Internet. You can access the broadcasts from the following site:**

<http://www.soi.wide.ad.jp/event/vc-ceremony>

### **2. About Dr. Vinton Cerf**

After graduating Stanford University, Dr. Cerf studied computer science at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), receiving his M.S. in 1970 and his Ph.D. in 1972. After his appointment as Assistant Professor at Stanford University in 1972, he was instrumental in the promotion of the Internet. He has continued to play an active role in leading Internet governance internationally, founding the Internet Society (ISOC) and chairing the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). In 2005, he was appointed as a Vice President of Google.

From 1967 to 1972, Dr. Cerf engaged in the research and development of the ARPANET host protocol at UCLA, which was to become the beginnings of the Internet. Following UCLA, he returned to Stanford University to complete the design of TCP/IP, the communications technology of the Internet, thus creating the Internet environment upon which the infrastructure of contemporary society relies so heavily.

Dr. Cerf's noteworthy achievements are not limited to his realization of the 21-century network society and the dynamic development and freedom which he brought to his entire academic field, but also include the construction of the most important piece of infrastructure ever to expand the possibilities for progress in our intellectual activities and daily lives and uphold culture, democracy, and human rights for all humankind.

### **3. Keio University and Dr. Vinton Cerf**

Dr. Cerf has continued to facilitate the proliferation of the Internet to general users as the founder of the ISOC and a prominent figure of the Internet Engineer Task Force (IETF) and the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). To this end, he has worked collaboratively with Keio University Professor Jun Murai, Dean of the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, since the dawn of the Internet Era, and has interacted closely with other pioneering Keio researchers of the Internet in Japan and Asia. During the first annual meeting of the ISOC in Kobe in 1992 (INET'92), many Keio students and researchers were involved in contributing to the interactions between Dr. Cerf and Japanese industry, government, and academia.

\*Those interested in covering the event should contact the Keio University Office of Communications and Public Relations.

\*Please note that neither electrical power supply nor parking spaces will be provided.

\*This press release has been sent to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Press, to each television station and newspaper's social and international divisions.

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