#### **Encouragement of Facilities-based Competition**

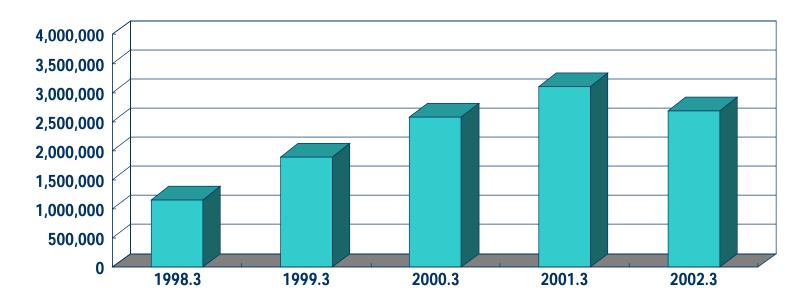
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# **Two Types of Competitions**

- Facilities-based Competition
  - Huge Investment Necessary
  - Slow to Start
- Competition based on Opening of Access Networks
  - Easy to Start
  - by Small Investment

### **Local Loop Competition by Open Access**

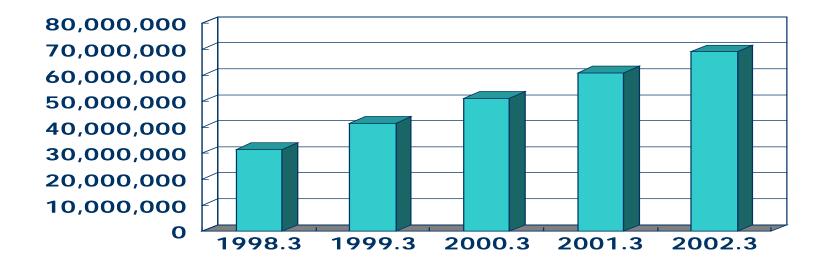
• # of Subscribers of Tokyo-Denwa



- Share of >10% Achieved after 5 Years of Operation
- "Price" is the Only Factor of Attractiveness

### **Local Loop Facilities-based Competition**

#### • # of Mobile Subscribers



- Exceeded Wireline Subscribers in 2000
- Impact to Market Stronger than Open Access Comp.

# **DSL vs. Wireless LAN**

- DSL
  - Competition based on Opening of Access Networks
  - "Price" is the Only Tool for Marketing
  - Depends on NTT Local Loops and its Facility Renewal Plan

#### Wireless LAN

- Facilities-based Competition
- Variety of Services/Operation Arrangements Possible
- Potential of Drastic/Destructive Change in Market Structure

### **Wireless LAN Operation Arrangements**

 Installation and Operation Functions Provided by Separate Entities

Operation	Private	Private Operator		Voluntary Group
Installation	Operator	Hot Spot Provider	Local Government	Individual

#### Potential Services over Wireless LAN Network

- Third Generation Mobile Services Encounter Difficulty in Market Penetration Because of
  - Expensive Data Service Price, i.e. over 150yen/MByte
  - Low Speed Not Enough to Send Video Stream
- Wireless LAN Networks Provide Various Information Cheap Enough and High Speed
  - Local/Community Public Information
  - Broadcasting
    (Able to Substitute for Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting)

### **Community Wireless LAN Network**

 MIAKO Network Project in Kyoto (Mobile Internet Access in KyotO)

#### Town Guide

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- Navigation of Visually Impaired Person

# **Minimum or No Regulation**

- to Facilitate Various Combinations of Players
  - Simple and Effective Interconnection Rule
    - Lets Parties Decide
    - Only in Case of Dispute, Regulatory Body Intervenes
  - Reconsideration of Public Utility Privilege ("Rights of Way")
    - Needs to Learn from the Case of Rejecting Access Point Installation in Railway Stations (Summer 2002)
    - Needs to Avoid Congestion of Access Points

# **Reorganization of Spectrum Assignment**

- Clouded 2.4GHz Not Enough to Construct Area-wide Wireless LAN Network
- Inefficient Users of Old Radio Technologies Have No Incentive to Adapt New Technologies
- Only Width of 1 GHz Necessary to Provide Over 50 Mbit/s Services to All People in Japan