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Izumi promoted the use of PC based network in the 1980s and the Internet in the '90s. In 1997, he founded Asia Network Research in Malaysia, focusing on societal aspects of the Internet, global governance and digital divide. In April 2000, he moved back to Tokyo. He represented Japanese NPO under the government's requests at the Digital Opportunity Task Force (DOT Force, 2000-2002).

He has been participating in the ICANN, WSIS, WGIG and IGF activities as a member of civil society. Until today, he has been trying to bring the voices of users and citizens at ICANN process: at the Membership Advisory Committee (MAC, 1999-2000); AtLarge Advisory Committee (ALAC, 2003-2008). In 2001, he organized to support Asian civil society members to participate in the preparatory process of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) at Tokyo Regional preparatory meeting in 2003 and other occasions.

In 2004 he co-found Internet Governance Task Force (IGTF) of Japan to engage in the debate on Internet Governance at the WSIS Working Group on Internet Governance. In 2009, he co-founded Japan Internet Domain Name Council to promote Internationalized Country Code Top Level Domain, dot Nippon, to bring fair and open selection and governance process for ccTLD management in multi-stakeholder manner in Japan.

His recent papers in English include "Beyond Network Neutrality" (Telecommunication Journal of Australia, 2009) and Japan Chapter at Global Information Society Watch (APC, 2009, 2010).