



Ken-ichi Murata

Project General Manager – Connected Strategy,
ITS & Connected Management Division, Connected Company,
Toyota Motor Corporation

Ken-ichi Murata graduated department of Electrical Engineering at Keio University in Japan. After finishing Ph.D. study of Computer Science at the university, he started his carrier as a research scientist at Sony Computer Science Laboratories Inc., then jumped into engineering fields at Sony Corporation as a systems architect.

At Sony Corporation, he experienced architecting and developing software for various consumer electronics products, such as Digital TV, Digital Broadcasting System, Set-Top-Box, AIBO robot. When he was dispatched at Sony Computer Entertainment, Inc., for the Playstation3 project, he was the technical lead and the senior architect of the software platform system named Cell-OS and also one of architecture board members of CELL processor.

He joined Toyota in 2008, and had been acting as a Global Chief Engineer of in-vehicle multi-media/telematics systems and products. In 2015, he took a position of head of Connected Strategy and Planning Department, directly reporting to senior executive officers. Since April 2016, he is taking the current position upon reforming corporate structure in Toyota Motor Corporation.

His responsibility now is overall planning of strategies in the area of connected vehicle, use of vehicle big data, and developing advanced technologies to realize them in Toyota.

He is a member of IEEE-CS and ACM.