History
The IEICE originated with its predecessor, The Second Study Group formed in the Second Department of the Electric Laboratory, Ministry of Communications, which was founded in 1911. On May 1, 1917, it was officially established as the "Telephone Society." Since then, it has played a leading role in developing the fast-growing academic fields of electronics, information and communication, and in promoting the associated industries. As a result of those efforts, the IEICE was able to celebrate its 100th anniversary in May 2017.

In April 1995, in line with diffusion of related academic fields, we introduced a society system to enable provision of unique activities in each field of research.
Currently, we have the Engineering Sciences Society, NOLTA Society, Communications Society, Electronics Society, Information and Systems Society, and the Human Communication Group.
Each of those bodies has technical committees. Eighty-four technical committee conferences in relevant fields are held, with each being organized autonomously. The information taken up at these conferences is highly appreciated for its usefulness and innovation. Some 9,000 subjects are reported on in a typical year.
In addition, we publish the IEICE Journal, Japanese/English Transactions Online, online journals, newsletters and magazines issued by each society, books, and handbooks.
We hold general conferences in spring and autumn, offering opportunities for members to obtain “comprehensive” knowledge and information on state-of-the-art technical fields.
Along with activities which reflect the original role of the academic society, such as supporting academic development through publication of academic papers, hosting and co-hosting of international conferences, and technical committee conferences, etc., the IEICE also engages in educational activities: conveying the attractiveness of information and communication technologies which have become essential elements of everyday living, and offering suggestions on future research and development in this field.
100-year History of the IEICE

We looked back over the changes in organizational structure and main activities since our foundation, and the history of remarkable progress in electronic, information and communication technologies. We also compiled projections of our future prospects, in three parts.

In particular, Parts 2 and 3 look objectively at the development of relevant technologies over the 100 years since the foundation of the IEICE, centering on those that university students should know as basic knowledge, as well as our vision on how to develop these technologies to bring about a bright future.

IEICE Milestone

IEICE Milestone is a project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IEICE. We have selected an achievement from among those that have been debated by the IEICE and which have influenced the development of our society, lifestyles, industry, science, and technology.

Vision

The institute will contribute to achievement of a healthy society supported by rich communication, and to maintaining and improving the global environment.

1. Fostering better mutual understanding by promoting communication between members and the IEICE, and among members
2. Delivering the most up-to-date and useful information for member’s plans, academic activities or achievements
3. Encouraging all members to be more active in various IEICE activities through collaboration among all international and domestic (i.e., Japanese) sections.

How to Apply for Membership

IEICE seeks to admit as members, those who agree with the purpose of our activities. Upon joining, you will receive various privileges and will be able to access the latest information on electronics, information, and communication through various events and research organization activities.

1. **Submission**
   Please select member status and apply via our website (http://www.ieice.org/eng/join_ieice/index.html). The closing date is the first of every month. To apply for membership, endorsement by a single member is required. Please provide your endorser’s name and e-mail address with your application.

2. **Payment of Admission/Annual Fee**
   Once your payment procedure has been completed, we will issue an acceptance number. Please refer to the above for the admission/annual fee. Credit card payment is accepted.

3. **Approval**
   Following approval by the IEICE Board of Directors, we will send you a membership card by airmail at the end of the month. Please note that, if you have not paid the admission/annual fee, you will not be eligible to be considered for admission.

4. **Starting Your Membership**
   Your membership will commence at the beginning of the next month. You will be able to browse Transaction Online, and use your “My Page” to check the status of your application/registration and to apply for the various membership privileges.