



IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group Liaison Communication

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Dear Mr. Maeda,

The IEEE 802.3 Working Group thanks the ITU-T Study Group 15 for their kind liaison dated 12 September 2008, which indicated that OUI-based extensions to the Slow-Protocol, Ethernet-OAM, and MAC-control channels of IEEE P802.3av 10G-EPON should be sufficient to enable the ITU-T Study Group 15 to develop additional functionality that would facilitate interworking between the ITU-T and IEEE standards. We support the basic goal of having standards from the two groups coexist in a harmonious way, and I am happy to report that facilities for OUI-based extensions to the MAC-control mechanism are part of the current IEEE P802.3av 10G-EPON draft, while OUI-based extensions for the Slow-Protocol and Ethernet-OAM mechanisms already are part of the approved IEEE 802.3-2008 standard.

The IEEE P802.3av 10G-EPON draft has advanced successfully through the Task Force Review and Working Group Ballot phases of our standardization process, and currently is in the Sponsor Ballot phase. This is the last stage where technical changes to the draft are permitted, and we would like to request an update on your program and timeline for using the OUI-based extensions. Obviously, if there are any technical problems with the agreed-upon approach the IEEE 802.3 Working Group would like to have a chance to address them before the IEEE P802.3av 10G-EPON draft is submitted for final approval.

We understand the importance of timely communication between the two groups and will make every effort to promptly notify the ITU-T Study Group 15 of any developments within IEEE 802.3 that might affect your work. We look forward to your response regarding your program

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and timeline, as discussed above, and we request that the ITU-T Study Group 15 continue to keep the IEEE 802.3 Working Group advised as to the progress of any work related to IEEE 802.3 EPON and IEEE P802.3av 10G-EPON systems.

Sincerely,

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