

## Preface

Pursuant to Article 8 of the Science and Technology Basic Law (Act No. 130 of 1995), this document reports the measures that have been conducted in order to promote science and technology.

In Part I and II of this report, various movements of science and technology activities will be described, and in Part III, the actual measures that have been conducted regarding the promotion of science and technology will be explained.

In Part I, entitled “Challenges for building a future society: the role of science and technology in an aging society with fewer children,” we analyzed, from a science and technology perspective, what is required for Japan in the situation of facing a decline in population and an aging society with fewer children earlier than other countries, and what is to be established for achieving a lively and affluent society in order to respond to various issues that arise from changes in the population composition, and indicated the expected role to be played by science and technology.