
Introduction

This White Paper reports on Japan's measures that have been implemented to promote science and technology, as stipulated in Article 8 of the Science and Technology Basic Law (Law No. 130 of 1995).

This report consists of 2 parts. Part 1 presents the trends of scientific and technological activities that span a wide and diversified range, and Part 2 may serve to assist in understanding the measures taken to promote science and technology.

Part I is titled "A New Frontier to Be Extended by Value-creating Human Resources: How Science and Technology Should Be for Japan to Make a New Start" and describes key points on promotion of science and technology, such as enhancement of science and technology, which are to contribute to providing solutions to problems, and to basic science, places to train value-creating human resources and to create innovation, and how science and technology should be in relation to society and citizens.