

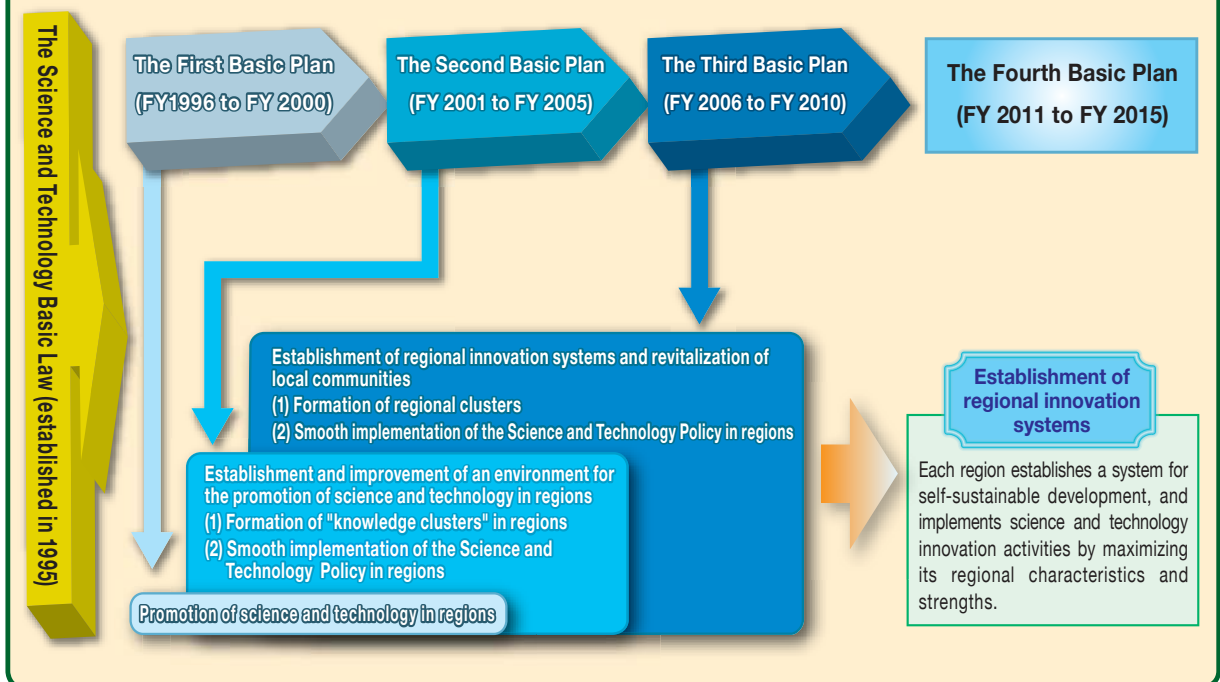
# From "Science and Technology Policy" to "Science, Technology and Innovation Policy"

## Promotion of Science and Technology Innovation Policy

The environment surrounding Japan is changing dramatically. For example, the remarkable growth of emerging nations in recent years has further intensified the global competition. Against this backdrop, Japan, which has limited natural resources and its population is rapidly aging while the birthrate is declining, must take action to maintain and strengthen its international competitiveness in order to enjoy continued economic growth and development and to secure a central position in the global community. Consequently, Japan needs to strategically utilize the science and technology infrastructure to create innovations linking with relevant policies for systematic promotion of the "Science, Technology and Innovation Policy."

## Future Direction of "Regional Science and Technology Promotion"

### Transition of "Regional Science and Technology" in the Science and Technology Basic Plans



In the past, the regional promotion of science and technology aimed at revitalizing local communities by encouraging research activities based on its unique history and culture. These efforts have contributed significantly to the advancement and diversification of science and technology in the whole country.

As the Science and Technology Innovation Policy must be promoted with nationwide efforts, it is important for each region to establish a system that allows autonomous implementation of science and technology innovation activities by maximizing regional characteristics and strengths so that the nation and regions can work in collaboration for lead fruitful achievement.