

A Shift from "Science and Technology Policy" to "Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy"

❑ Promotion of Science, Technology, and 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 – a country where there are limited natural resources and the 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. To that end, Japan needs to strategically utilize the science and technology infrastructure that the nation has built and link it with various related policies aiming to create innovations for systematic promotion of the "Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy."

❑ Future Direction of "Regional Science and Technology Promotion"

Transition of "Regional Science and Technology" based on the Science and Technology Basic Plans



In the past, the regional promotion of science and technology was aimed at revitalizing local communities by encouraging original research activities based on the history and culture unique to each region. These efforts have contributed significantly to the advancement and diversification of science and technology in the entire nation of Japan.

As the science, technology, and innovation policies must be promoted with nationwide efforts, it is important for each region to establish a system that allows autonomous execution of science, technology, and innovation activities by maximizing regional characteristics and strengths so that the nation and regions can work in collaboration to lead the world based on science and technology.