

# MEXT's Efforts for the Creation of Regional Innovations

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) initiated the Knowledge Cluster Initiative and other policies in Fiscal 2002, and has been addressing the improvement of regional science and technology infrastructures for the creation of new technology "seeds" and the establishment of industry-academia-government collaboration systems.

Since Fiscal 2011, MEXT has been promoting the "Regional Innovation Strategy Support Program" as part of the project for developing innovation systems aimed at establishing and improving the systems that enable individual regions to proactively create innovations through the industry-academia-government collaboration policy. The Regional Innovation Strategy Support Program aims to steadily expand the achievements of previous activities by maximizing the science and technology infrastructures developed and refined by individual regions and also to utilize all pertinent policies of the relevant ministries to provide fully-fledged support to the regional innovation strategy promoting regions (see page 3) that have proactive and excellent visions toward the creation of regional innovations.

## Project for Developing Innovation Systems

Purpose

The project for developing innovation systems is intended to establish systems which enable individual regions to proactively create innovations through the revamped function of universities for promoting the collaboration of industry, academia and government; the regional joint research by industry, academia and government; the formation of regional university networks; and the establishment of advanced interdisciplinary research and development centers. To achieve this goal, MEXT promotes the Regional Innovation Strategy Support Program and other programs listed below.

### Regional Innovation Strategy Support Program

\* Provides support to the "Regional Innovation Strategy Promoting Regions" selected jointly by the relevant ministries, with special focus on the formation of intellectual property and the development of human resources.

### Support Program for Strengthening the Creation of Seeds and Needs of Universities

\* Provides support for universities and other organizations for strengthening their innovation creation activities through integrated management of matching strategic research & development with non-apparent seeds & needs.

### Program for Realization of Innovation Center for Fusion of Advanced Technology

\* Provides support for the realization of center for fusion of advanced technology.

## Establishment of Regional Innovation Systems through Effective Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration

