

MEXT STI for SDGs Package

STI for SDGs : Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



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* Pages 4-11 include tentative translation.

About MEXT STI for SDGs Package

[Background]

- Sept. 2015 The United Nations adopted the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development“ which comprises 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Dec. 2016 SDGs Promotion Headquarters, headed by the Prime Minister, formulated the “SDGs implementation Guiding Principles”
- Dec. 2017 “SDGs Action Plan 2018” decided by SDGs Promotion Headquarters
- Apr. 2017 MEXT formulated “Basic Policy on Promotion of STI for SDGs” (MEXT Basic Policy)
- Jun. 2018 “Extended SDGs Action Plan 2018” decided by SDGs Promotion Headquarters.
“Integrated Innovation Strategy” decided by the Cabinet



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- MEXT, putting in order the ways to contribute to the SDGs through MEXT’s STI policy measures, formulated the Package to systematically indicate the policy measures necessary to materialize contributions to the SDGs.
- The Package aimed to go forward to solving various issues related to the SDGs with an integrated approach and possible time line toward 2030, and encourage collaborations between the STI for SDGs policy measures in an organic and cross-field manner. STI for SDGs, based on the principles of the SDGs putting importance on “fostering a participatory approach in which all stakeholders play a role,” gives a good opportunity for STI itself (STI ecosystem) to change, too.
- MEXT will strategically and steadily promote the STI for SDGs policy measures included in the Package by appropriately reflecting those measures to the budget request every year, as well as by systematically implementing the measures with a holistic and comprehensive approach.

[Concept of formulating the Package]

- ◆ MEXT has contributed to solving issues related to the SDGs by conducting various STI policy measures in the fields of life sciences, environment & energy, space, ocean & earth, disaster prevention & disaster reduction, fostering human resources, international cooperation, etc.
- ◆ Having 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 Targets in mind, MEXT tries to put in order and systematize current MEXT’s STI policy measures, considering their expected outputs and possible future developments, how they can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs, and how integrative outputs can be expected by encouraging collaborations between them.
(The policy measures are categorized into a group of cross-cutting & common effort and four groups of certain width of field. The latter groups are shown with possible time line toward implementing the SDGs.)
- ◆ Visualizing a system of MEXT’s major STI for SDGs policy measures, MEXT would like to expect that interactions and dialogues with various stakeholders will be enhanced, leading to further co-operation and co-creation, through open discussions widely involving stakeholders across fields and sectors. MEXT would like to contribute to “fostering environment” and “developing open platforms.” Also, it is important to promote the Package, while timely updating it based on the situations related.



* The Package is promoted bearing in mind having effective collaborations with other policy measures in the fields such as education (Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for example), sports, culture, and etc.

Address a wide range of issues related to economy, society and environment toward 2030 to realize society in which “no one will be left behind.”

○ Promotion of solving regional issues with “STI for SDGs” and “next generation in region” as the driving force

- Thrash out various issues in regions through multidisciplinary collaborations among universities, research institutions, business enterprises etc. as well as use STI to envision the solutions and implement PDCA cycle to realize self-directive achievement of social issues by STI.
- SDGs as common language, promote bottom-up actions of social entrepreneurship and social implementation, and then lead to regional revitalization, promotion of society 5.0 and enhance productivity in region, and development of next generation rooted in region.
 - Science and Technology Innovative Solutions for Social Problems In Regions (INSPIRE for SDGs) [FY2019 draft budget: 0.05 billion yen (new)]
 - Resolving issues and co-creating program for implementing SDGs(tentative translation) (JST) [FY2019 draft budget: 0.1 billion yen (new)]

○ Promotion of co-creation with multi-stakeholder through open platform

- With a common goal of contributing to implementing SDGs and realizing Society 5.0, identify the urgent issues and design future society with unprecedented ideas which is obtained through dialogues and co-creation activities with various stakeholders across fields and sectors. Furthermore, promote science communication by visualizing and sharing outcomes of these activities, and accelerate co-creating activities all over the country.
 - Promotion of future co-creation program(tentative translation) (JST) [FY2019 draft budget: 3.0 billion yen (FY2018: 2.6 billion yen)]
 - JST-Mirai Program (Promotion of high-risk and high-impact research and development)
 - Innovation Platform for Society 5.0
 - AIP: Advanced Integrated Intelligence Platform Project
 - Promotion of basic and fundamental R&D of nanotechnology and material science
 - Addressing global issues exploiting comprehensive basic science capacity
 - Research and Development Programs Focused on Technology Transfer
 - Strategic Basic Research Programs (CREST, PRESTO, ERATO, ACCEL, RISTEX)
 - Foster and secure human resources to lead scientific innovation

Domestic STI policy measures
○ Joint research with developing countries and promotion of social implementation of research outputs

- Based on the needs of developing countries, promote international joint research aiming for achievement of global issues and future social implementation.
- To promote social implementation of research outputs toward SDGs, build new bridging scheme for connecting outputs to social implementation stakeholders, with the cooperation of partner governments (focus on ASEAN countries which cover about 50% of all the adopted projects of SATREPS).
 - Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS) [FY2019 draft budget (JST): 1.8 billion yen (FY2018: 1.7 billion yen) / (AMED): 0.4 billion yen (FY2018: 0.4 billion yen)]

○ Accelerate solving global issues utilizing global environmental big data

- Archive, integrate and analyze big data of earth environment and projections on Data Integration and Analysis System (DIAS) to address global issues caused by climate change. This is global environmental information platform which has started experimental operation of distributing Malaria pandemic predicting information since 2017, preparing for full operation.
 - Data Integration and Analysis System (DIAS) [done within the program budget]
- Strategic International Collaborative Research Program (SICORP)
- International Collaborative Research Program for Tackling the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Challenges
- Core-to-Core Program

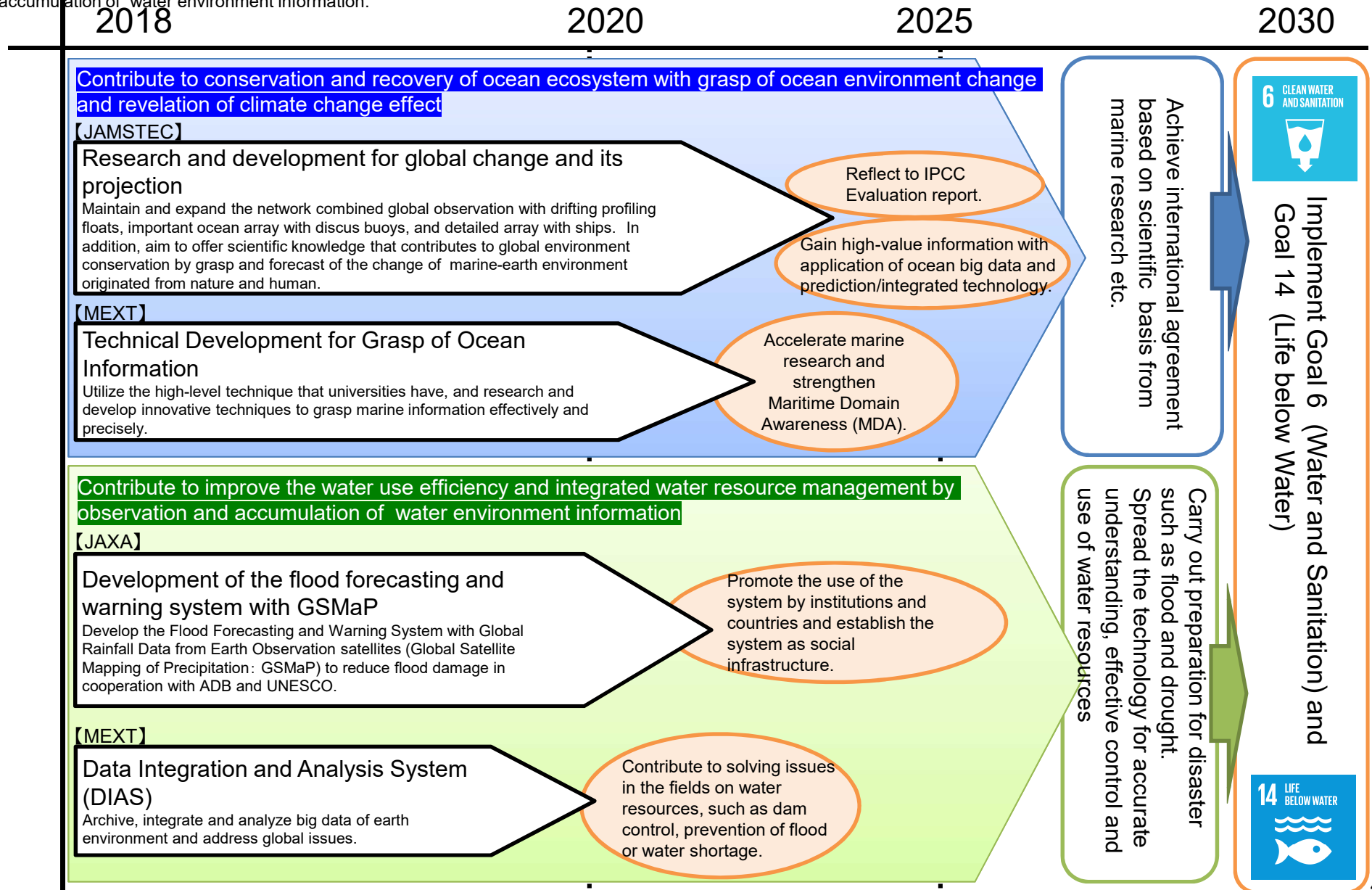
International STI policy measures



Conserve the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development and ensure availability and sustainable management of water for all

Ocean & Water

For the achievement of Goal 6 (Water and Sanitation) and Goal 14 (Life Below Water), MEXT aims to contribute to conservation and recovery of ocean ecosystem with grasp of ocean environment change and revelation of climate change effect, and to improve the water use efficiency and integrated water resource management by observation and accumulation of water environment information.

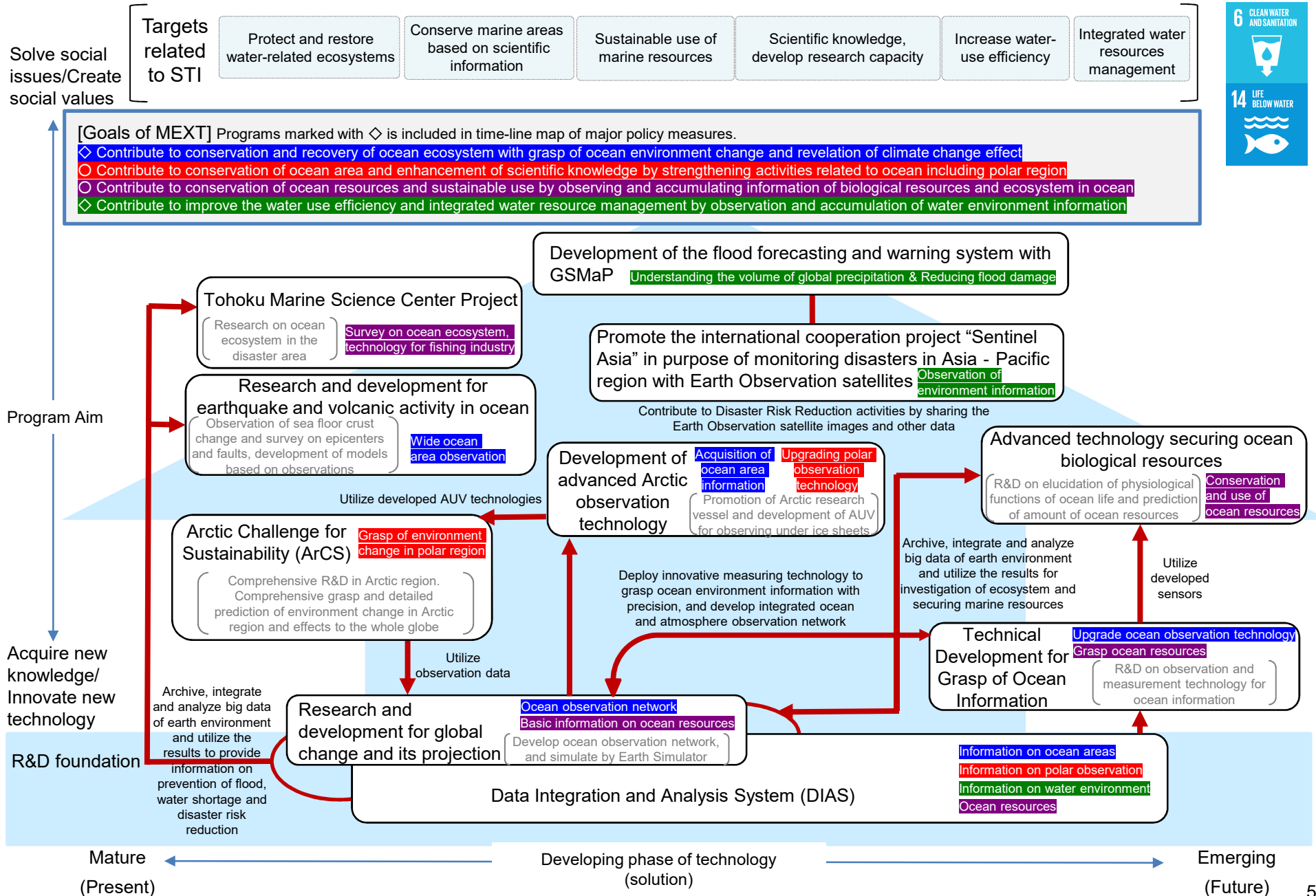


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Ocean & Water

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Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Cities & Disaster Prevention

For the achievement of Goal 11(Sustainable Cities), MEXT aims to contribute to reduce damage from disasters by upgrading survey information about wide range of natural disasters such as meteorological information and oceanographic data, and to reduce comprehensive disaster risk by sharing related information after disaster, establishing warning systems and cooperating with related organizations.

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[MEXT]

Construction and operation of seafloor observation network for earthquakes and tsunamis

For countermeasures against Nankai Trough Earthquake, start to construct Nankai Trough seafloor observation network for earthquakes and tsunamis (N-net) in the area of off the coast of Kochi Prefecture to Hyuga-nada. Moreover, operate the online and real-time seafloor observation network for earthquakes and tsunamis which has been established along Japan Trench and Nankai Trough.

Reduce damages of earthquake and tsunami occurred in the sea by sharing and utilizing observation data with related organizations.

[NIED]

Promote R&D for the fundamental science and technology of disaster reduction

Achieve safe and secure societies, and aim to improve the level of the fundamental research and basic R&D about science and technology of disaster risk reduction to support Japan's sustainable progress, and carry out comprehensive R&D to strengthen the abilities to (1)prediction, (2)prevention, (3)management, (4)recovery to various natural disasters.

Promote the creation of noble innovation of science and technology of disaster reduction to support Japan's sustainable progress.

Contribute to reduce comprehensive disaster risk by sharing related information after disaster, establishing warning systems and cooperating with related organizations

[JAXA]

Promote the international cooperation project "Sentinel Asia" in purpose of monitoring disasters in Asia - Pacific region with Earth Observation satellites

Reduce the damage of natural disasters by sharing the disaster-related information such as images from Earth Observation satellites via Internet.

Provide member countries and agencies for effective and continuous support for disaster management.

[MEXT]

Tokyo Metropolitan Resilience Project

In order to improve disaster prevention capabilities toward Tokyo near-field earthquake, develop big-data used for synthetic counteractions of public and private entities, business continuity, and personal actions for disaster prevention.

Promote utilization of big data to exploit disaster information across private and public sector.

Achieve disaster-resistant society with results of research and study

Promote to share disaster information by cooperation with related organizations, and spread the technology and method to strengthening resistance to disasters



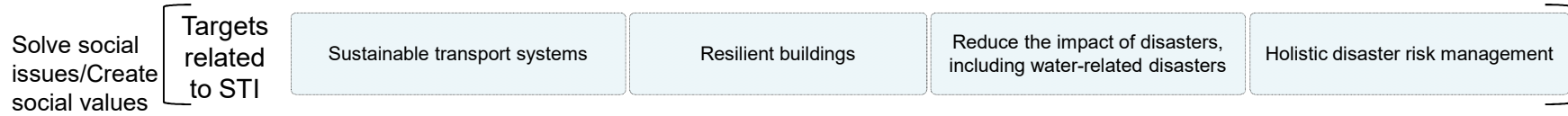
Implement Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities)

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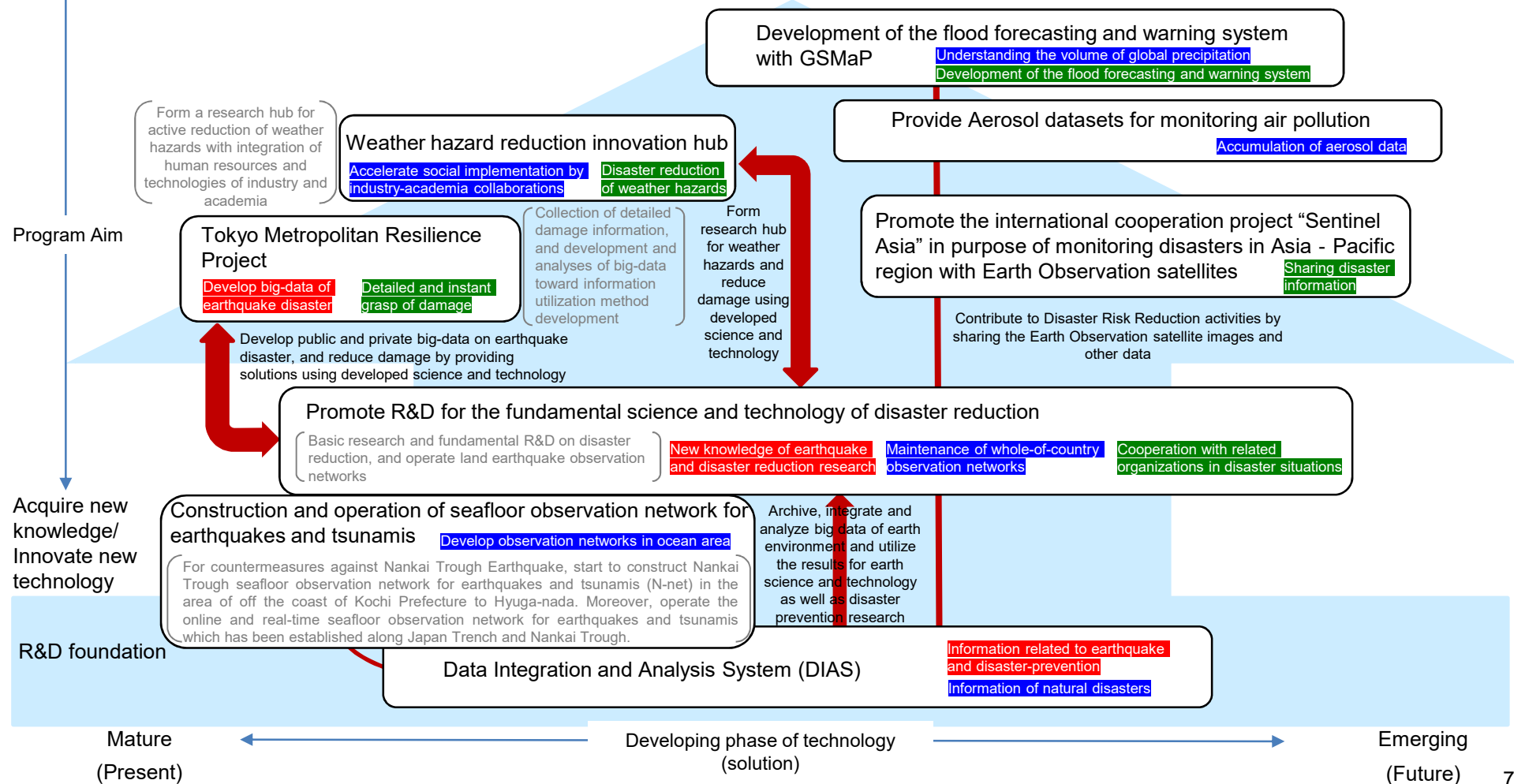
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- ◇ Contribute to reduce damage from disasters by upgrading survey information about wide range of natural disasters such as meteorological information or oceanographic data
- ◇ Contribute to reduce comprehensive disaster risk by sharing related information after disaster, establishing warning systems and cooperating with related organizations

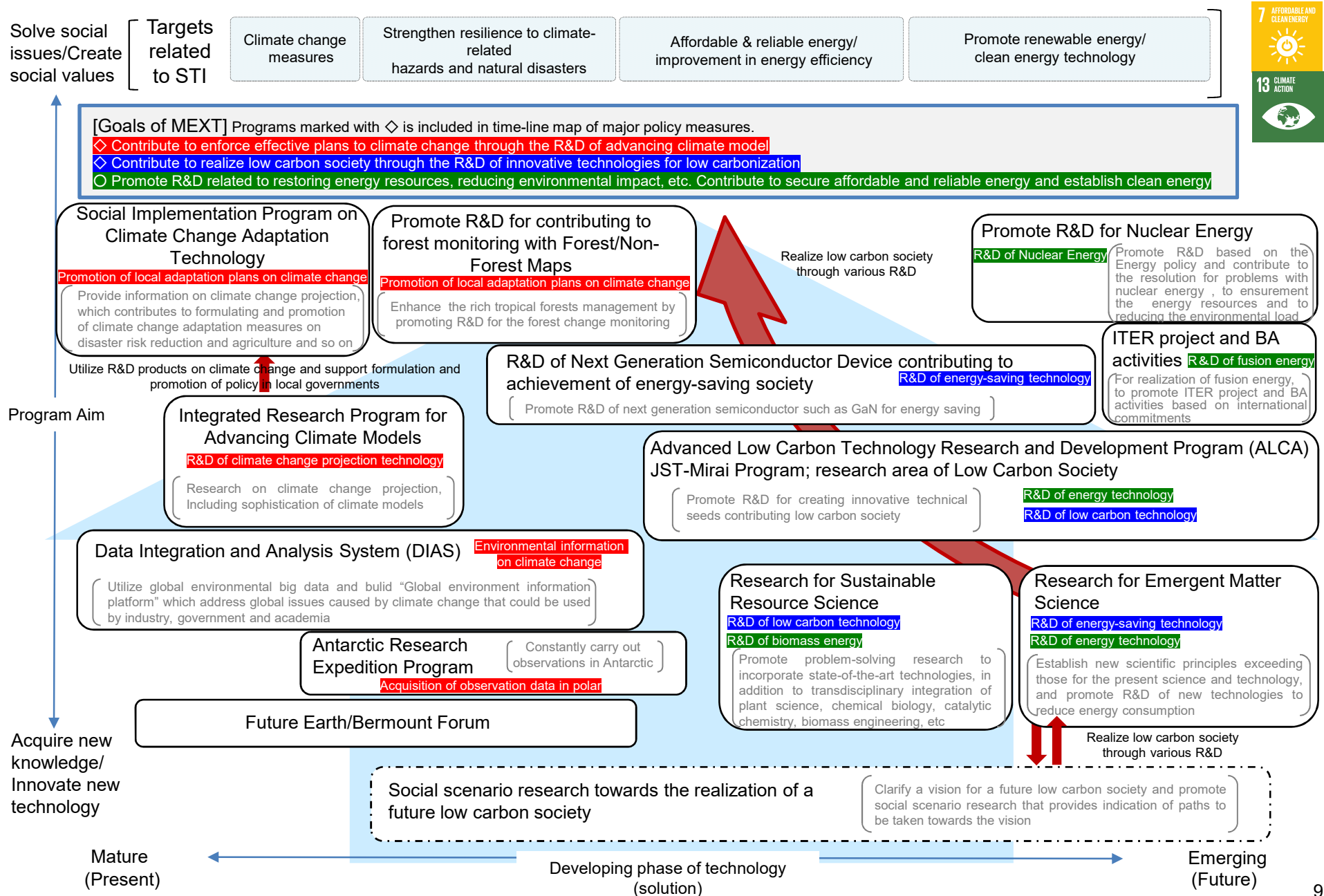


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Environment & Energy

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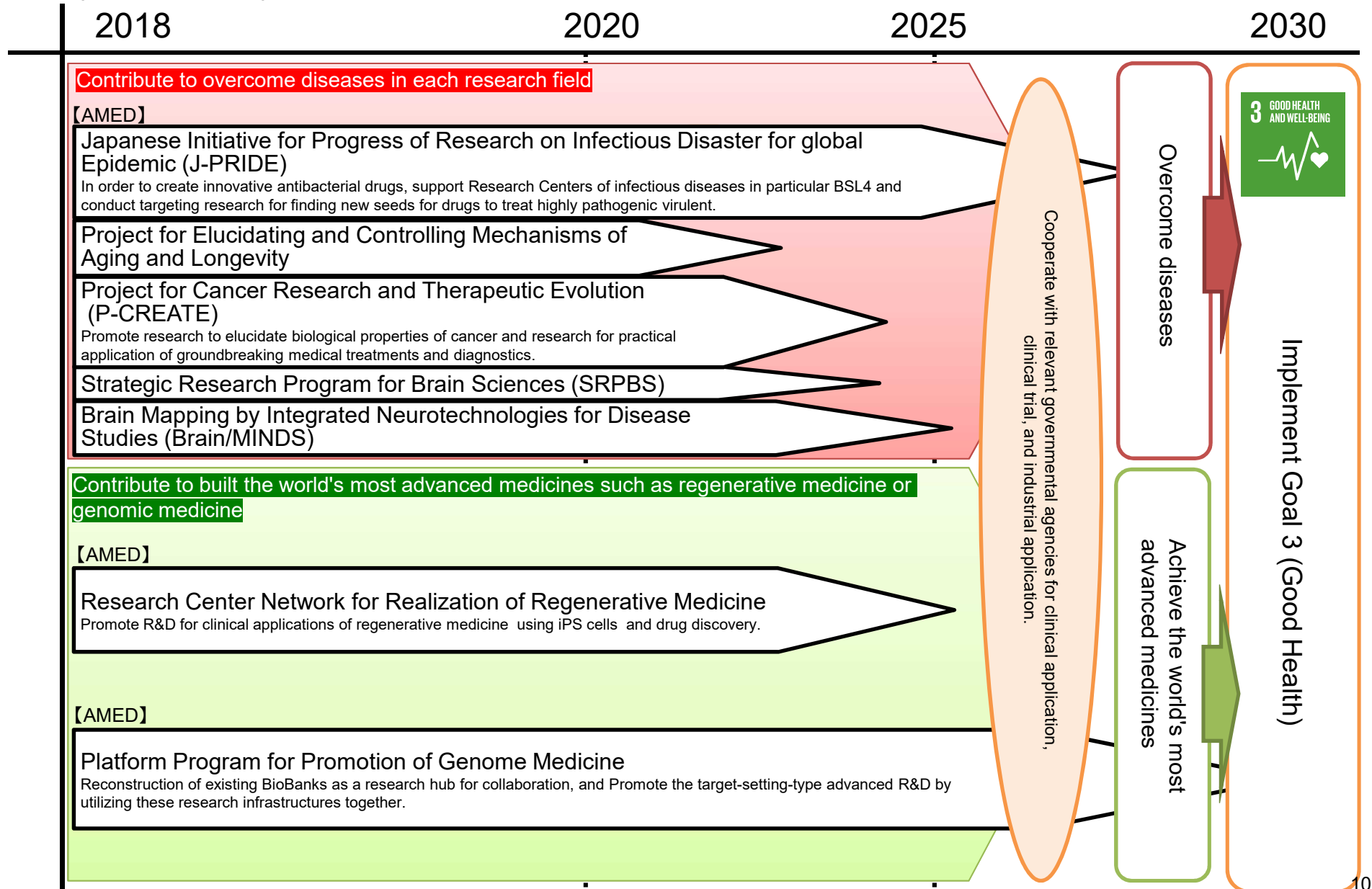




Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Healthcare

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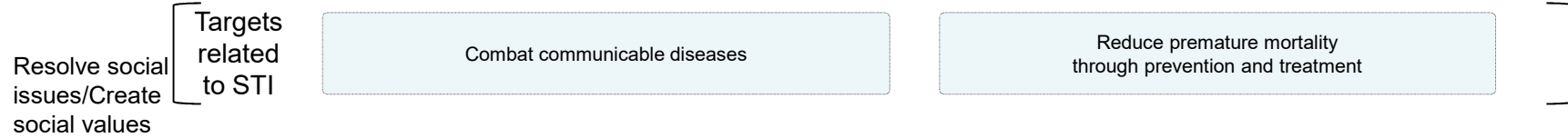


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- Contribute to connect outcomes of innovative basic research to clinical research and clinical trial

Program Aim

Acquire new knowledge/ Innovate new technology

Translational Research Network Program
 For clinical research and clinical trial
 Development of seeds into practical application based on translational research centers

Japanese Initiative for Progress of Research on Infectious Disease for global Epidemic (J-PRIDE)
 For specific diseases
 Supports research involved in BSL4 facility such as research directed to search for potential drug targets against highly pathogenic microorganisms for creation of innovative drugs

Strategic Research Program for Brain Sciences (SRPBS) / Brain Mapping by Integrated Neurotechnologies for Disease Studies (Brain/MINDS)
 For specific diseases
 Contributing to the innovation of diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventive methods for treating brain diseases

Project for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Evolution (P-CREATE)
 For specific diseases
 Promote research to elucidate biological properties of cancer and research for practical application of groundbreaking medical treatments or diagnostics

Project for Elucidating and Controlling Mechanisms of Aging and Longevity
 For specific diseases
 Promote research that will lead toward retarding human aging through studies on clarifying and controlling the aging mechanism

Provision of genomics R&D infrastructures

Platform Program for Promotion of Genome Medicine
 For the most advanced medical care
 Reconstruction of existing BioBanks as a research hub for collaboration, and Promote the target-setting-type advanced R&D by utilizing these research infrastructures together.

Research Center Network for Realization of Regenerative Medicine
 For the most advanced medical care
 Promote R&D for clinical applications of regenerative medicine using iPS cells and drug discovery

Using R&D infrastructures

R&D foundation
 Drug Discovery, Medical devices, Advanced medical basic science, Developing the framework for BioResources, International Collaboration research, Industrial-Academic Collaboration research

Mature (Present) ← Developing phase of technology (solution) → Emerging (Future)

Outline of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Goal 1 (No Poverty)	End poverty in all its forms everywhere
Goal 2 (Zero Hunger)	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
Goal 3 (Good Health)	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
Goal 4 (Quality Education)	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
Goal 5 (Gender Equality)	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
Goal 6 (Water & Sanitation)	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
Goal 7 (Energy)	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
Goal 8 (Decent Work & Growth)	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure)	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
Goal 10 (Reduce Inequality)	Reduce inequality within and among countries
Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities)	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production)	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
Goal 13 (Climate Action)	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
Goal 14 (Life below Water)	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
Goal 15 (Life on Land)	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
Goal 16 (Peace)	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
Goal 17 (Partnership)	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development