

Preface

This report deals with measures taken to promote science and technology under the provision of Article 8 of the Science and Technology Basic Law (1995 Legislation No.130).

This report introduces, in Part 1 and Part 2, trends in the diverse activities of science and technology, and in Part 3, helps deepen readers' understanding of the measures taken to promote science and technology.

Under the title of "The Future of Science and Technology and Society," Part 1 analyzes qualitative changes in society, such as the realization of economic prosperity and the advance of globalization due to developments in science and technology, and the deepening relationship between science and technology and society, such as the appearance of global environment problems and other new societal issues, and shows the issues and policies needed to build the optimum future relationship between science and technology and society, toward the establishment of an advanced science- and technology-oriented nation. Part 2 compares the science and technology activities of Japan and other major countries, using multiple kinds of data.