

## **Preface**

This report deals with measures taken for the promotion of science and technology under the provisions of Article 8 of the Science and Technology Basic Law (1995 legislation No. 130).

Part 1 and Part 2 of this report introduce the trend of diverse activities related to science and technology, and helps readers advance their understanding about the measures taken for the promotion of science and technology that are described in Part 3.

In Part 1, entitled “Japan’s Scientific and Technological Capabilities: Japan Ten Years after the Enactment of the Science and Technology Basic Law and Its Future,” we analyzed and introduced the recent status, achievements, and challenges of science and technology in Japan by making some comparisons with those of foreign countries, and indicated the future direction for the promotion of science and technology. In Part 2, we compared the science and technology activities in Japan and other major countries based on various data.