

Preface

Pursuant to Article 8 of the Science and Technology Basic Law (Law No. 130 of 1995), this document reports the measures that have been conducted in order to promote science and technology.

In Part 1 and 2 of this document, various movements of science and technology activities will be described, and in Part 3, the actual measures that have been conducted regarding the promotion of science and technology will be explained.

Part 1, titled "Results of Promotion of Science and Technology - Creation, Utilization and Inheritance of Knowledge -," examines the results of the promotion of science and technology from three points of view - creation of knowledge, utilization of knowledge and inheritance of knowledge - and provides explanations by citing specific cases. It also provides an outlook of how science and technology should be promoted in the future in light of the specific cases of people, research environment and public support involved. Part 2 provides an overview based on statistical data of science and technology-related activities in Japan and gives a comparison thereof with activities in other major countries.