Toward the Sustainable Development of Regional Clusters

**Global Type**

- **Hokkaido Area** (As of 2005-2006)
  - Sapporo Biocluster: "Bio-5" - Development of an innovative biotechnology cluster and commercialization of biotechnology and advanced research and development (R&D) in biotechnology.

- **Greater Sendai Area** (As of 2006-2007)
  - Advanced Preventive Health Care Services Cluster

- **Nagano Prefecture Region** (As of 2006-2007)
  - Shizuku Smart Device Cluster

- **Hamamatsu (Shizuoka Prefecture)** (As of 2006-2007)
  - Hamamatsu Biotechnology Cluster

- **KANSAI (Suita & Kofu)** (As of 2007-2008)
  - Biotechnology Cluster Kansai

- **Fukuoka Cluster** (As of 2007-2011)
  - Formation of world leading Shizuku type clusters based on the advanced use of nanotechnology and materials

- **Tottori Region** (As of 2008-2009)
  - Tottori Biotechnology Cluster for Health Science

- **Kyoto and Kuchino** (As of 2008-2009)
  - Kyoto Environmental Nanotechnology Cluster

- **Kumamoto** (As of 2009-2010)
  - Kumamoto University Marine Industry (UMI) - Green Innovation of UMI (University Marine Industry)

- **Tokushima Health and Medicine Cluster** (As of 2009-2013)
  - Formation of a world-class cluster focused on drug discovery and advanced medicine

**City Area Type**

- **Hokuriku Innovation Cluster for Health Science** (As of 2008-2012)
  - Toyama/Ishikawa

- **Central Chugoku Area** (As of 2009-2012)
  - Creation of a sustainable Ehime-originated, Japanese-style fish farming model

- **Southern of Lake Biwa** (As of 2009-2012)
  - Shiga Manufacturing Cluster by Medical and Industrial Collaboration

**City Area Type (Basic Stage)**

- **Ehime-Nanyo Area** (As of 2009-2010)
  - Development of new advanced functional foods and materials utilizing local fruits and original technologies

- **Shinjiko and Nakaumi Area** (As of 2010-2011)
  - Formation of clusters that may be small in scale but that maximize local characteristics. This will be achieved by creating technological "seeds" using knowledge created by universities and other research institutions and by constructing self-sustainable industry-academia-government collaboration systems.

To the regions that have conducted activities for the establishment of clusters towards the continuous creation of innovations according to the Knowledge Cluster Initiative initiated by MEXT from Fiscal 2002, support will be provided until the end of the project to help carry on the Regional Innovation Strategy Support Program to achieve steady advancement of the results of past cluster forming activities and form self-sustainable clusters.