

Introductory Remarks

This document reports on policies for promoting science and technology based on the provisions of Article 8 of the Science and Technology Basic Law (Law No. 130, 1995).

Part 1 of this report titled “Toward a Country Making Innovation Happen in Society and Economy using Science and Technology” explains the progress of science and technology in Japan and various measures and policies taken by the government over 20 years since the Science and Technology Basic Law was enforced in 1995, and presents perspectives of science, technology and innovation in Japan to help understand measures to promote science and technology discussed in Part 2.

The opening feature articles of this white paper addresses the invention of blue light-emitting diodes, which won a Nobel Prize in 2014, and approaches to promote fair research activities.