

The 19th Science and technology Ministers' Roundtable

1. Date and time: October 1st (Sat.), 2022, 16:00-17:40
2. Format: Hybrid (In-Person and Online)
3. Participants: Ministers responsible for Science and Technology (S&T) policy, science advisers to the head of states, and other representatives from 49 countries including Japan. (List attached.)
4. Theme:
 - Mission-Oriented Research
 - Post Covid-19 Society and Science Technology and Innovation
5. Roundtable Summaries

(1) Ms. Takaichi, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy, Japan, chaired the Roundtable. As opening remarks, Mr. Nasuno, Director General for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Cabinet Office, Japan, explained that at this roundtable, we would like to exchange opinions about Mission-Oriented Research and Post Covid-19 Society and Science Technology and Innovation. Minister Takaichi called for each country that science, technology and innovation provide us with a driving force for economic growth and also contribute to solving global issues as represented by climate change, and we need to foster international cooperation.

(2) With moderation by Dr. Ueyama, Executive Member of the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Japan, participating countries exchanged views on their measures in line with the theme of the Roundtable. It was shared that the points are important include the following:

- (i) Broad research and development initiatives in the post COVID-19 society

(ii) Sharing scientific knowledge and experiences

(iii) Promotion of international cooperation based on (i) and (ii)

(3) After the remarks by Dr. Komiyama, Chairman, Science and Technology in Society forum (STS forum), Dr. UYAMA wrapped up the discussion.

(4) Lastly, Minister Takaichi made closing remarks.