



## Resources Allocation Guideline for S&T Budget

The CSTP draws up resource allocation policy every June, following consideration on prioritized policy and program based on the Basic Plan and the Sectoral Promotion Strategies. The resource allocation guideline asks relevant ministries to prepare budget requests according to the policy.

## Prioritization of S&T Policies

To concentrate on truly important policies with respect to the allocation of resources, priorities are established by conducting interviews and the like regarding the S&T policies for which individual ministries and agencies have made budget requests to make a detailed check of the content of these policies, and by soliciting advice from outside experts to determine considerations and points for improvement. The results of this process are actively used in the budgetary process to upgrade, enhance, and clearly define the S&T budget.

## Coordination Program of S&T Projects

The Coordination Program of S&T Projects is a mechanism designed to ensure the efficient use of budgetary resources and to maximize the achievements of relevant policies. This is accomplished by coordination activities such as enhanced cooperation regarding related policies implemented by individual ministries and agencies and efforts to eliminate overlapping in research content. To provide lateral connections in the vertically compartmentalized structure of ministries and agencies, the CSTP establishes topics of national and social importance and conducts activities centering on the coordinator appointed for each topic.

## Comprehension of S&T Activities Conducted by Independent Administrative Institutions and National Universities, and the Publication of Opinions Offered Regarding the Activities

The CSTP has engaged in efforts to determine S&T activities conducted by independent administrative institutions, national universities, and other bodies that play an important role in promoting the S&T policy of Japan. To improve the transparency of these activities and to accelerate corporate restructuring, the CSTP also studies and analyzes indicators of the results of corporate activities (such as the number of papers and the number of patents) and provides its opinions regarding compliance with the S&T Basic Plan.

## Development of the National R&D Database

The CSTP has been compiling the National R&D Database for public research funds allocated to researchers and research institutes, such as competitive funds and project research funds. The Information System for the Cross Cabinet and Ministry Research and Development (e-Rad) developed and managed by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) commences its operation in January 2008 and provides the Database with necessary data. This improves the function of the Database to analyse the allotments of public research funds and allows the further effective and efficient allocation of resources and cross-system coordination among ministries and agencies.

## Strategic Allocation of the Special Coordination Funds for Promoting Science and Technology

Regarding the Special Coordination Funds for Promoting Science and Technology allocated by MEXT, the CSTP will, after looking over all the measures taken in Japan for S&T, stipulate each year the basic guidelines for their active and strategic use.

### 14 topics of the Coordination Program of Science and Technology Projects (FY2007)

- Basic Research and infrastructure for Life Sciences
- Emerging, Reemerging Infectious Disease
- Ubiquitous Networks
- Next Generation Robots
- Biomass Utilization Technologies
- Hydrogen & Fuel Cell
- Nanobiotechnology
- Regional Science & Technology Cluster
- Clinical and Translational Research
- Food and Biological Production Research
- Very Large Information Integration and Application Platform
- Integrated Chemical Risk Management
- Developing Nanotechnologies and Engaging the Public
- Research and Development for Counterterrorism