

R&D Evaluations

R&D evaluations are extremely important for ensuring the efficiency and vitality of R&D activities, acquiring outstanding results and training researchers, as well as for providing benefits to society and fulfilling the government's responsibility to be accountable to the public.

For this reason, the Cabinet Office has established the National Guidelines for Evaluating Government Funded Research and Development (Decided by the Prime Minister in March 2005). In accordance with the guidelines, individual ministries and agencies must establish detailed guidelines specifying evaluation methods and conduct evaluations with strict accuracy. In addition, the CSTP conducts its own evaluations of nationally important R&D to ensure that S&T policy in Japan is promoted in a comprehensive and organized manner. The CSTP will continue to work toward the further development of Japan's evaluation systems based on the 3rd S&T Basic Plan.

Role of the CSTP

To establish rules for R&D evaluations (study of the National Guidelines for Evaluating Government Funded R&D and other studies) and follow up on the status of evaluation efforts by individual ministries and agencies.

To conduct its own evaluations of large-scale and other nationally important R&D efforts.

Role of individual ministries and agencies, research and development organizations, and other bodies

To establish detailed evaluation guidelines based on the National Guidelines for Evaluating Government Funded R&D.

To implement evaluations based on detailed evaluation guidelines and other criteria.

FY 2007 S&T Budget

The initial budget for S&T related matters in FY 2007 was approximately 3.51 trillion yen (down 1.8 percent from the previous fiscal year). Of this amount, the Special Coordination Funds for Promoting Science and Technology accounted for approximately 1.34 trillion yen (up 1.1 percent from the previous fiscal year).

The graph below shows the changes in the initial government budgets for S&T over the past 12 years. The total budgets for S&T during the 1st and 2nd basic plans are indicated in the table to the right.

During 1st plan	17.6 trillion yen	Initial budget: 15.3 trillion yen
		Supplementary budget: 2.4 trillion yen
During 2nd plan	21.1 trillion yen	Initial budget: 17.8 trillion yen
		Supplementary budget: 1. Trillion yen
		S&T budget for local public organizations: 2.3 trillion yen

NB: Totals may not match in some cases due to rounding-off of figures.

S&T budgets in initial government budget

