

Toward the Reinforcement of S&T Diplomacy

I Measures towards the Reinforcement of S&T diplomacy

The CSTP made its recommendations for Reinforcement of S&T diplomacy in April 2007. The concept seeks to improve the soft power of the nation and at the same time link research and technology cooperation to diplomacy by maximizing Japan's S&T prowess and using it to keenly and continuously address global issues aiming

at the realization of a sustainable society.

With cooperation from the relevant ministries about the promotion of S&T diplomacy, and after holding discussions on the subject, the concept is about to be made more concrete, with a target of the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit to be held in July 2008.

Five issues for taking concrete measures

- (1) **Strengthen S&T cooperation with developing countries, particularly in Africa**
Preparations such as higher education and research using ODA, and the establishment of an Overseas S&T Cooperation Corps pursued.
- (2) **Disseminate and Demonstrate Japan's Superior Environmental Technology to the World**
Provision of advanced satellite images and climate data, and demonstrations that Japan has some of the finest technology in the world
- (3) **Foster world environmental leaders**
Implementation of programs in which young people from overseas will be able to study in Japan and work as leaders in the environmental field after returning home.
- (4) **Strengthening cooperation in advanced S&T fields**
Positive promotion of the establishment of advanced research facilities outside of Japan
- (5) **Reinforce the S&T cooperation network**
Major strengthening of the functions of embassies and consulates, and eager establishment of research institutions overseas

I Strategic Promotion of International Activities

The CSTP works to enhance Japan's scientific and technical capabilities by promoting S&T activities in a strategic manner. Examples of these activities include working to resolve problems common to all members of the international community to improve the relationship of trust between Japan and other countries; making an active contribution to the formation of international rules relating to S&T; and training world-class researchers and welcoming outstanding researchers from other countries.

At present, the CSTP is cooperating with governments, research institutions, and other entities in various countries, with a particular emphasis on improving cooperation with other Asian countries.

As a part of these efforts, in addition to hosting the first The Informal Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology between ASEAN and Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and New Zealand, in Malaysia, in

August 2006, the Science and Technology Ministers' Round Table Meeting is being held each autumn, and opinions are exchanged about S&T policy and issues in each country.

The CSTP is also making an active effort to promote the S&T policy of Japan attending conferences in accordance with bilateral agreements (concluded with 42 nations as of July 18th 2007) to promote the S&T policy of Japan.



Science and Technology Ministers' Round Table Meeting