

Policy on Research Security and Research Integrity for the Global Startup Campus (GSC) Initiative

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In order to mitigate the risks of misappropriation and technology leakage of R&D outcomes generated under the GSC Initiative (hereinafter referred to as the “Initiative”), we will implement the following measures to ensure research security and research integrity, and related measures from the following four perspectives.

In implementing these measures, we will work in close coordination with relevant ministries and agencies, and will review them as appropriate in light of the latest policy developments in economic security, such as the prevention of technology leakage.

1. Risk Management (including due diligence)

- In this initiative, based on the “Procedures for Efforts to Ensure Research Security (in Japanese)” (the Expert Panel on Ensuring Research Security and Research Integrity, December 2025) (hereinafter referred to as the “Procedures”), risk management at a level equivalent to the Procedures shall be implemented across all programs.
 - ※ Measures in the three pilot activities
 - International Research Program: Implement measures in accordance with the Procedures (including due diligence for Venture Directors (VDs))
 - Venture Builder Program: Take measures in accordance with the level of individual leakage risk
 - Talent Development (Fellowship) Program:
Inbound participants: Implement measures in accordance with the Procedures
Outbound participants: Take measures in accordance with the level of individual leakage risk

2. Security Export Control (Compliance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act)

- In this Initiative, from the perspective of security export control, we will require all institutes (universities, research institutes, companies, etc.) involved in supported projects to ensure the implementation of necessary procedures and measures, including “Deemed Export Controls” (the provision of technology from residents to non-residents or residents falling under specified categories within Japan) under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949).

3. Intellectual Property Management

- From the perspective of appropriate management of intellectual property (IP) created under this initiative, the leakage of such IP will be prevented through the following measures, including the formulation of a “Basic Policy on IP Management for the Global Startup Campus Initiative”:
 - Where a project participant transfers or otherwise disposes of IPs to another company or to a foreign parent or subsidiary located outside Japan, prior notification to and approval from the Government of Japan or relevant authorities shall be obtained.
 - Where a project participant undergoes a merger, acquisition, or similar transaction (including a significant change in shareholders), a prompt report shall be made to the Government of Japan or relevant authorities.
 - In addition, where a project participant provides or discloses IP, or engages in joint research with parties that the Government of Japan or relevant authorities have determined require prior consultation or prior reporting, the project participant shall conduct prior consultation etc. with the Government of Japan or relevant authorities with sufficient lead time.

4. Data Management

- We will formulate a basic data management policy for this Initiative, require the creation of a commission research contract defining the rights, obligations, and other matters relating to data between the Government of Japan or relevant authorities and project participants and a data management plan, recommend the creation of a data agreement among project participants, and ensure appropriate data management.