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Agenda Items and Direction of Discussions for the G8 Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting

We will discuss three agenda items noted in Annex A in the G8 Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting which is being held in Okinawa, Japan on June 15th, 2008.

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Agenda Item 1: Approaches to the Solution of Global Issues through International Cooperation: Research and Development for the Realization of a Low-Carbon Society

We will discuss the science and technology for achieving a low carbon society, especially focusing on the energy-related technology. Taking some technologies including biofuel as examples, the modality of R&D and their socioeconomic impacts will be discussed.

Agenda Item 2: Science and Technology Cooperation with African Countries and Other Developing Countries

We will discuss promotion of capacity building based on the needs of developing countries. We will also consider the appropriate modality of science and technology cooperation and the mechanism to identify their needs, mainly in the fields of biodiversity, sustainable supply of water, food and energy, and infectious disease.

Agenda Item 3: Cooperation on Research and Development Resources

We will discuss cooperation on large-scale research activities and facilities, including international mobility of human resource.