

# Summary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Science and Technology Ministers' Roundtable Meeting

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The 7<sup>th</sup> Science and Technology Minister's Roundtable Meeting was held at the Kyoto International Conference Center on October 3, with the participation of representatives from 31 countries around the world. (The list of participants is in Attachment 1.) The participants exchanged views on the theme of "The Future of Cooperation of Science, Technology and Innovation"

Mr. Wada, Parliamentary Secretary, Science and Technology and Space Policy addressed the opening remarks. Then, the participants exchanged views. Lastly, the chair, Mr. Wada summarized the discussion of this meeting.

## Summary of the Roundtable discussion

- It was meaningful that participants could share the awareness that science and technology played a more essential and important role in achieving a safe and high-quality society, safe and comfortable lives of people in each country, as well as in realizing sustainable developments and solving common global issues.
- For developing this idea on a mid- and long-term basis, we reaffirmed the importance of promoting research and development that supported national infrastructures, strengthening basic science and technology potential, fostering and utilizing human resources who would play important roles in the field of science and technology, and reforming social systems that enable innovation.
- Participants positively introduced and proposed examples of bilateral and multilateral efforts for realizing a sustainable, safe, and high-quality society. It was of significance that we could have frank and active exchange of views at such an international meeting in public. We recognized the significance of promoting such efforts and enhancing partnership.
- Participants agreed that it was important to positively collaborate and cooperate bilaterally and multilaterally with regard to science and technology in such fields as the environment, energy, medical treatment, and nursing care, which were crucial for solving social problems.
- Although circumstances such as financial restrictions and demands differed by country, it is important to build efficient global research and development systems, while making the systems adaptable to each country and eliminating duplication.
- Participants supported the proposal to identify and utilize research institution(s) as Regional Centers of STI Cooperation, which will function as hubs of research and innovation networks between Japan and Africa and welcomed participation and cooperation of international organizations and any other countries.

