

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Science and Technology Ministers' Roundtable Meeting

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Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

1. Date and time: October 7, 2012 (Sun.), 16:15–18:30
2. Place: Room A, Kyoto International Conference Center
3. Participants: Ministers responsible for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy and representatives from 20 countries
4. Theme: “Green Growth and Inclusiveness -The Role of International Collaboration in Science, Technology and Innovation”
5. Meeting Overview:

Mr. Seiji Maehara, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy, Japan, chaired the meeting, and the participants exchanged views concerning the question, “What is the more effective means of international cooperation in science, technology and innovation, including the sharing of knowledge, which can contribute to green growth?”

  - (1) In his opening remarks, Minister Maehara explained that the Japanese government established its “Comprehensive Strategy for the Rebirth of Japan” this July, as a significant strategy for making the best use of our experience and lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and for further strengthening Japan’s growth. He expressed his hope that the meeting will serve as an opportunity for participants to exchange information and views concerning:
    - Science and technology policies and measures related to Green Energy in their respective countries
    - Effective means of promoting international cooperation and collaboration in science, technology and innovation that can contribute to green growth toward the realization of sustainable development
  - (2) Following that, Mr. Takao Kuramochi, Director General for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Cabinet Office of Japan introduced the positioning of science, technology and innovation in “Comprehensive Strategy for the Rebirth of Japan” and

the 4th Science and Technology Basic Plan, as well as Japan's initiatives for realizing science and technology innovation and for addressing policy challenges that can contribute to green growth.

- (3) The participants then presented their own experiences in their respective countries and exchanged views, and deepened mutual understanding, while sharing the recognition that the following points are important for realizing green growth through science, technology and innovation:
- i) We should promote measures for ensuring the effectiveness of the introduction and expansion of environmentally friendly, alternative energy and renewable energy that can significantly reduce environmental load.
  - ii) We should integrally consider not only the issues of ensuring energy resources and maintaining proper balance, but also other social issues concerning agriculture, health and welfare that will intensify along with the rapid increase in world population. We must address these issues through mutual cooperation and collaboration with other countries.
  - iii) While giving due consideration to social and cultural diversities and educational levels, we should properly share and exchange various R&D resources, such as developed countries' scientific technologies and their outcomes, experiences, and knowledge in accordance with each country's circumstances.
  - iv) To ensure that the above-mentioned measures are continuously taken in each country, we should simultaneously promote the enhancement and strengthening of capacity building.
- (4) In closing, Minister Maehara expressed his cordial thanks to the participants and his hope that cooperation toward green growth will be promoted in various ways among respective countries.