

NEC Name: Japan has two national bodies:

- (1) Expert Panel on Bioethics, Council for Science and Technology Policy (CSTP), Cabinet office (general advisory body on bioethical issues)**
- (2) Bioethics and Biosafety Commission, Council for Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)(advisory body on research ethics)**

1.	Year of establishment of NEC (1) 2001 (First established in 1997 as Bioethics Committee, in the Council for Science and Technology, Science and Technology Agency) (2) 2001
2.	Remit of NEC (1) - Investigation and study relating to bioethics in response to rapid development of life science. - Advisory function for the MEXT and other ministries. (2) - Deliberation of important matters of bioethics and biosafety - Preparation of regulatory frameworks including laws and guidelines in relevant subjects - Review of the research protocols of embryonic stem cell research in accordance with the relevant guidelines
3.	Composition of NEC (1) Current composition : 23 members (8 CSTP executive members and 15 expert members, including biologists, medical scientists, sociologist, lawyers, journalists (no prescribed number of expert members and areas of expertise) (2) Current composition : 20 members, including biologists, medical scientists, lawyers, bioethicists, philosophers(no prescribed number of members and areas of expertise)
4.	List of the last three NEC's opinions (1) 1. Advice on "The Guidelines for Derivation and Utilization of Human Embryonic Stem Cells"(November 2008) 2. Report on "Amendment of the Guidelines for Derivation and Utilization of Human Embryonic Stem Cells"(March 2007) 3. Report on "The Basic Conceptual Approach Relating to Handling of Human Embryos"(July 2004) (2) 1. Report on the creation of human gamete cells from embryonic stem cells, induced pluripotent stem cells and somatic stem cells (February 2009) 2. Report on the utilization of human somatic cell nuclear transfer embryos for the purpose of therapeutic cloning research (February 2008) 3. Report on the role of institutional review board (March 2003)
5.	List of the next two future topics covered by NEC's opinions (1) 1. Draft amendments to the relevant guidelines concerning the utilization of human somatic cell nuclear transfer cells for the purpose of therapeutic cloning research

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Creation of human gamete cells from embryonic stem cells, induced pluripotent stem cells and somatic stem cells <p>(2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Creation of human fertilised embryos for the purpose of the research on assisted reproduction technology2. Review of the Guidelines for Derivation and Utilization of Human Embryonic Stem Cells
6.	<p>Chairperson and Secretariat</p> <p>(1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chairperson: Masuo AIZAWA- Secretariat: Life Science Group, CSTP, Cabinet Office <p>(2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chairperson: Takehiko SASAZUKI- Secretariat: Office for Bioethics and Biosafety, Research Promotion Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
7.	Contact details