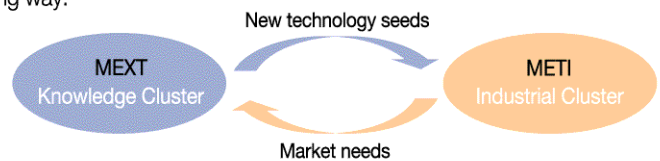


# Cooperation with the Industrial Cluster Project

The Knowledge Cluster Initiative aims to develop regional clusters while cooperating with the Industrial Cluster Project of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in the following way.

## Cooperation Policies

1. Setting up committees for regional cluster promotion
2. Encouraging cooperation within local entities
3. Promoting joint conferences to announce project results



### 1. Setting up Committees for Regional Cluster Promotion

MEXT, METI, local governments and other relevant entities establish together "Committee for Regional Cluster Promotion" for each region. The Committee oversees the progress of the Knowledge Cluster Initiative and the Industrial Cluster Project, and exchanges detailed information about the cooperation policies. It is expected to be the place to discuss how to achieve close cooperation between the activities of the two ministries and coordinate them properly.



Hokkaido IT Cluster Promotion Committee (Industry, universities, local governments and both ministries discussed how to promote the programs.)

### 2. Encouraging Cooperation Within Local Entities

MEXT and METI support the core organizations in the Knowledge Cluster Initiative and the project promotion organizations of the Industrial Cluster Project, so that they will closely work together in each region.



Shizuoka Science and Technology Coordinators Network Conference (All the coordinators in industry-academia-government cooperation within Shizuoka prefecture gathered.)

## Industrial Cluster Project (Project for local revitalization and industrial concentration)

Hokkaido Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Hokkaido)  
Hokkaido Super Cluster Promotion Project

Chubu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Chubu)  
① Project to Create Manufacturing Industry in Tokai Region  
② Tokai Bio Factory Project  
③ Project to Create Manufacturing Industry in Hokuriku Region

Chugoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Chugoku)  
① Project to Newly Generate the Machinery Industry in the Chugoku Region  
② Project to Form a Circulative Type of Industry

Tohoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Tohoku)  
① An Industry Promotion Project for Information Technology, Life Science and Cutting-edge Manufacturing  
② An Industry Promotion Project for a Recycling-oriented Society

Kanto Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Kanto)  
① Regional Industry Revitalization Project (TAMA, Regions along the Chuo Expressway, Tokatsu/Kawaguchi areas, Sanenranshin district, Northern Tokyo metropolitan area)  
② Fostering Bio-Ventures  
③ Fostering IT Venture Forum

Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Kansai)  
① Bio Five-Star Company & Tissue Engineering Project  
② Active Manufacturing Industry Support Project  
③ Kansai Information Technology Cluster Promotion Project  
④ Kansai Energy & Environment Cluster Promotion Project

Shikoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Shikoku)  
Shikoku Techno Bridge Plan

Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI Kyushu)  
① Kyushu Recycle and Environmental Industry Plaza (K-RIP)  
② Kyushu Silicon Cluster Project

Department of Economy, Trade and Industry, Okinawa General Bureau (METI Okinawa)  
Okinawa Industry Promotion Project

### 3. Promoting Joint Conferences to Announce Project Results

Joint conferences to announce project results are held once a year to enable exchange of information between the participants in the related projects.



Shikoku Industry-Academia-Government Cooperative Project Result Announcement Conference  
(Representatives of each project announced project results promoted through cooperation between the region and both ministries)

#### List of tie-ups between MEXT and METI

| Knowledge Cluster                    | Related Regional METI Bureaus | Committee  | Joint Conference to Announce Project Results (Actual record for 2003)  |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Sapporo                              | METI Hokkaido                 | Hokkaido IT Cluster Promotion Committee  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Hokkaido IT Cluster Forum and Knowledge Cluster Initiative Joint Project Results Announcement Conference (March 2004)</li> <li>•Collaboration Forum 2003 (September 2003)</li> </ul> |  |
| Sendai                               | METI Tohoku                   | Tohoku Region Cluster Promotion Committee  | 2004 Tohoku Cluster Collaboration (March 2004)   |  |
| Nagano/Ueda                          | METI Kanto                    | Nanotech Forum Nagano  | Knowledge Cluster/Industrial Cluster Joint Result Announcement Conference 2003 in Shinshu (September 2003)   |  |
| Hamamatsu                            |                               | Hamamatsu Cluster Promotion Committee  | Optronics Hamamatsu Forum 2004 (March 2004)  |  |
| Toyama/Takaoka                       | METI Chubu                    | Committee of Cluster Promotion in the Hokuriku Region  | Hokuriku Region Cluster Forum (February 2004)  |  |
| Kanazawa                             |                               | Committee of Cluster Promotion in the Tokai Region   | Tokai Manufacturing Cluster Forum 2004 (February 2004)   |  |
| Gifu/Ogaki                           |                               |  |  |  |
| Nagoya                               |                               |  |  |  |
| Kyoto                                | METI Kansai                   | Kinki Region Cluster Promotion Committee   | Kinki Region Cluster Joint Presentation Conference (February 2004)   |  |
| Kansai Science City                  |                               | Kansai Wide Area Cluster Combined Headquarters Committee (Combining both Osaka and Kobe)         | Kansai Wide Area Cluster Joint Result Announcement Conference (March 2004)   |  |
| Saito (Northern Part of Osaka Pref.) |                               |  |  |  |
| Kobe                                 |                               |  |  |  |
| Hiroshima                            | METI Chugoku                  | Chugoku Region Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Committee                              | Hiroshima Academia-Industry-Government Cooperation Fair [Tokyo] (October 2003)   |  |
| Ube                                  |                               | Knowledge Cluster Promotion Committee  | Yamaguchi Ube Medical Innovation Cluster "Research Result Announcement Conference 2003" (November 2003)  |  |
| Tokushima                            | METI Shikoku                  | Tokushima Cluster Promotion Committee  | Shikoku Industry-Academia-Government Cooperative Project Result Announcement Conference (February 2004)  |  |
| Takamatsu                            |                               | Rare Sugar Project Strategy Committee  |  |  |
| Fukuoka                              | METI Kyushu                   | Kyushu Wide Area Cluster Combined Headquarters Committee (Combining both Fukuoka and Kitakyushu) | Synergy Kyushu 2003(May 2003)  |  |
| Kitakyushu Science and Research Park |                               |  |  |  |