

Preface

This White Paper reports on Japan's measures that have been implemented to promote science and technology, as stipulated in Article 8 of the Science and Technology Basic Law (Law No. 130 of 1995).

Part 1 introduces a wide spectrum of trends in S&T activities to help the reader better understand Japan's policies, described in Part 2.

Entitled *Towards Japan's Own Innovative Science and Technology across the Threshold of Global Transition*, Part 1 introduces the state of new S&T policies needed for Japan to pass into this period of global transition utilizing innovation.