

Finally, the rationale for the Science Council of Japan (SCJ) is now in question, the issue being under review currently at CSTP. An interim report on the progress of discussions on this topic at CSTP is planned to appear by June of 2002.

C) S&T Organizations in Japan in 2002

It has been one of our challenges at the Embassy in Japan that governmental ministries and research institutes in Japan do not put significant amounts of English-language information on their web-sites. Institutes which do not have English version web-sites are not listed here. Click on the English version to view English.

(i) S&T Policy-Related Organizations:

- Council for Science & Technology Policy, Cabinet Office <http://www.cao.go.jp/>
- National Institute of Science & Technology Policy

- Science Council of Japan <http://www.nistep.go.jp/>
<http://www.sci.go.jp/>

(ii) Ministries and their Independent Administrative Institutions:

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology
(MEXT) <http://www.mext.go.jp/>

National universities (and other institutes) can be accessed from the MEXT web-site.

- National Aerospace Laboratory <http://www.nal.go.jp/>
- National Institute for Material Science <http://www.nims.go.jp/>
- National Research Inst. for Earth Science & Disaster Prevention <http://www.bosai.go.jp/>
 - National Space Development Agency of Japan

- Institute of Physical and Chemical Research <http://www.nasda.go.jp/>
<http://www.rken.go.jp/>
- Japan Marine Science and Technology Centre

- Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute <http://www.jamstec.go.jp/>
<http://www.jaeri.go.jp/>
- Okazaki National Research Institutes <http://www.orion.ac.jp/>

- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) <http://www.meti.go.jp/>

- National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology <http://www.aist.go.jp/>