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Transformation into National R&D Agency JST's Approach to Reforming Funding Structure

- Maximizing Research Results -



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Promoting the Creation of Science and Technology (S&T) Innovation

- JST's Three Resolutions -

1. Further Intensify the Relationships Between Science and Society

- Collaborate in creating new value with science and society (or the public)
- Enhance efforts to put new value into practice
- Provide opportunities for the creation of S&T innovation open to a wide range of stakeholders
- Help venture businesses establish themselves and support the generation of new industries with the goal of creating new value

2. Assume a Leadership Role in Promoting the Exchange of the International Intellect in Japan

- Promote international collaborative research projects and personnel exchanges through all JST operations
 - Collaborative research projects with EU in HORIZEN2020
- Recruit personnel from overseas for JST funding projects in a strategic way

3. Develop Young Researchers and Personnel for Innovation and Establish a Network of those

- Cultivate young researchers through the provision of R&D funds
- Develop personnel for innovation; promote networking of the personnel

Further Optimizing JST's Funding Programs

- Creating S&T Innovation in a Comprehensive Manner -

1. Develop Cross-Divisional Research Themes and Support Pursuits of the Themes

- **Have established Office of Innovation Planning and Promotion**
- **Entrust the decision of research themes to Innovation Promotion Manager (IM)**
- **Pursue cross-organizational research themes with other funding agencies (FAs)**

2. Take a Flexible Approach to Managing the R&D Structure and Limit the Number of Project Classifications

- **Establish broad classifications for the types of support in A-STEP to simplify information sharing among types**
- **Build up the strongest research teams in CREST and other programs**
- **Apply the method of FS, small start-up, or Stage Gate depending on situations**

3. Enhance the Provision of R&D Funds using Back Cast Method

- **Adopt the back cast method in a proactive manner in terms of services and systems**

4. Develop Young Personnel

- **Clarify Perspectives of Personnel Development in Each Program**
- **Establish a Lectureship System for Young People in ERATO**

Contribution to Preparation of OECD/GSF's Report on Scientific Advice

The report of OECD Global Science Forum (GSF) titled “Scientific Advice for Policy Making – The Role and Responsibility of Expert Bodies and Individual Scientists” was adopted at the OECD Committee for Science and Technology Policy (CSTP), which was held in March 2015.

