

Why innovation now?

Forces at Work

JAPAN

- Declining population and rapid ageing

ASIA

- Rapidly Growing, but with pressing Issues

WORLD

- Further development of a knowledge-based network society
- Accelerating progress of globalization
- Explosive population growth
- Climate change and environmental degradation

Issues

- Increasingly threatened sustainability of humankind

New and unexplored era

- Widening gap between rich-poor divide

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