

Opening Remarks

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Summary

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies was established in 1997 as a center for research and policy. One of its features is that it is one of the most international of the government-run universities in Japan. There are about 70 Japanese students and 140 international students. No other Japanese university is this international. The university maintains very close ties with the government. A large percentage of the students, both Japanese and international, are government officials. We also accept many government officials as faculty members in addition to purely academic researchers. The science and technology program has been one of the most important educational programs of the university. Part of the reason is that the founding president was heavily involved in the Science and Technology Agency. He realized the importance of science and technology policy and it has been one of our main attractions. Our graduate program on science and technology policy has been revitalized recently. Dr. Kurokawa joined our faculty last November

and Dr. Sunami assumed the directorship. Also, science and technology policy program will make full use of the courses offered in the new economics Ph.D. program scheduled to begin in next year. To prepare for this new program, we went to the Chicago convention of American Economics Association in January and recruited four international faculty members. We want to continue the same in the future. I am happy to report to you that the science and technology policy program is making a great stride.