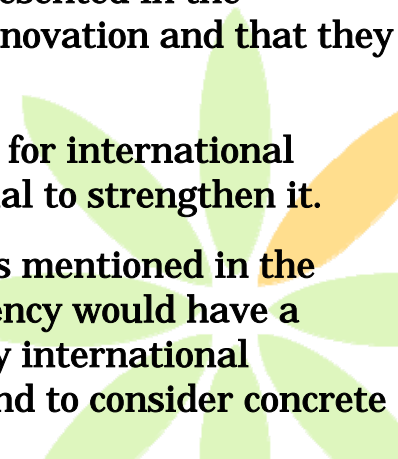


Joint Statement

by the Representatives of Funding Agencies participated
in the International Symposium held by Japan Science and Technology Agency
on the 17th of May, 2010 in Tokyo

The Representatives of the Funding Agencies of International Community, namely those of National Natural Science Foundation of China(NSFC), German Research Foundation(DFG), French National Research Agency(ANR), National Research Foundation of Korea(NRF), National Council on Science and Technology of Mexico(CONACYT), Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems(VINNOVA), Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council of UK(EPSRC), National Science Foundation of USA(NSF) and Japan Science and Technology Agency(JST) who took part in the Symposium "International Challenge for Promoting Green Innovation to Realize a Low Carbon Society Worldwide," held by JST on the 17th of May, 2010, through the discussion of the symposium, acknowledged the crucial necessity to promote research activities, aimed at Green Innovation, in order to realize a low carbon society to address various global problems which human society is facing, especially climate change, and agreed to the importance of the role funding agencies could play, as described as follows.

- 1) Green Innovation is a challenge to build up a low carbon society based on scientific discoveries and technological innovations in the fields of environment, natural resources and energy. This challenge creates new social and economic values, harmonizes solutions of climate change problems with the socio-economic development and works as a driving force for sustainable development in the world.**
 - 2) We acknowledged that in order to promote Green Innovation, it is necessary to encourage people to consider their life-style with due attention to local appropriateness and to strengthen technological innovation through interdisciplinary researches.**
 - 3) We acknowledged that all funding agencies, represented in the symposium, reaffirmed the significance of Green Innovation and that they would reinforce their activities to promote it.**
 - 4) We acknowledged that various support activities for international cooperation in the field of Green Innovation is crucial to strengthen it.**
 - 5) We agreed that, in order to promote the activities mentioned in the preceding clause 4), the experts of each funding agency would have a network meeting to specify problems to be solved by international cooperation between/among the funding agencies and to consider concrete measures to be taken.**
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