Session 1 (a): Budget (spending) analysis -1

Study for Evaluating the Achievements on the S&T Basic Plan in Japan: Government S&T Budget Analysis during the First and Second S&T Basic Plans

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In considering the following Basic Plan measures at this time in the fourth year of the Second Basic Plan, a determination of the situation with respect to the interim effects attributable to the Basic Plans is required.

In this presentation, the state of fulfillment of the Basic Plans will be analyzed by focusing on budgetary science- and technology-related expenditures as pertains to research and development by the Japanese government and by grasping the situation concerning allocations and disbursements as pertains to the main focused goals in the Basic Plans.

The core of the presentation will deal with the following points:

- 1. How is S&T budget in Japan changing?
 - \rightarrow S&T budget by the national government is increasing, whereas by local government is decreasing.
- 2. Into what kinds of areas are science- and technology-related funds invested?
 - \rightarrow Allocation by ways of purpose to use and by types of institutions, etc.
- 3. How is the allocation of R&D-related budget to the basic research changing?
 - \rightarrow Increasing of basic research ratio.
- 4. How is the allocation of R&D-related budget to the four prioritized areas changing?
 - \rightarrow Advancement in the narrowing of the focus.
- 5. How are competitive research funds changing?
 - →Rapid growth occurred during the execution of the First Plan and sluggish growth can be seen during the execution of the Second Plan.