

Basic Viewpoints in Promotion of Nanotechnology R&D

- (1) Innovation of IT, biotechnology, energy & environment technology and materials by means of Nanotechnology
- (2) Investment to the Fields, where Japan can be a winner and which has large impacts to Japanese Industry
- (3) Proposal of flagship-type projects and challenge-type projects and appropriate distribution of fund including basic research.
- (4) Sharing of vision on Nanotechnology and promotion of Nanotechnology strategy in national stage and dynamic promotion of Nanotechnology R&D under the construction of network between Industry, Academia and government.

Important Investment Fields Related to Nanotechnology R&D

(1) Flagship Projects

IT Developing Low-Power, High-Performance Technology for
Next-generation semiconductor technology
Transcending design rule limits in semiconductor development

- Nano-level semiconductor manufacturing/evaluation system
- New wiring technology
- Devices with new materials and structures

ASUKA Project : From 100nm
MIRAI Project : From 70nm

R&D focused on practical application and industrialization in the next 5 to 10 years

Network-type Center of Excellence (COE) operation

Building a Ubiquitous Network Society

Terabit-level information storage technology

Terabit/inch² storage density (2010)

• New materials for storage media and heads • Precision actuators

• Magnetic heads with new structures • Near-field optical memory

Network Devices

Optical : Petabit/second, Wireless: 10gigabit/second(2010)

• Photonic waveguide devices • Super broadband electronic devices

(2) Challenge to Future Projects

Nano processes and materials
Creating innovative functionality through the control of extremely minute structures (nanocrystals, nanofilm, nanoparticles and nanotubes) across many fields

- Structural materials that are extremely light yet very strong
- Long-lasting materials • Materials that support energy shifts
- Electronic materials with new functionality

Biological nanosystems
Creation of innovative diagnostic systems by fusing biotechnology with nanotechnology

- μ TAS Measurement of single molecules

Nanodevices
Development of new devices for the "generation after next"

- Photon control devices • Single-electron control elements
- Spin electronics • Superconducting devices • Organic flexible devices

Targeted R&D revolving around developing innovative basic technology

Network-type COE operation

Well-timed practical application (including nurturing venture businesses)

Nano-measurement

Implementation of the precision measurement required for nano-level fabrication and control

• Increased performance for electron beam/optical measurement

• Increased performance for probes measurement

• Nanometer x-ray measurement

Nanofabrication

Implementation of mass-production nanofabrication technology

• Top-down ultimate fabrication technology

• Bottom-up technology including self-assembly

• Integration of top-down and bottom-up technology

Nanosimulation

Development of simulation technology in the nanotechnology field

• Device design, Computer Aided Design(CAD)

• Manufacturing equipment simulation

(3) Fundamental Research

Search for physical properties of nanostructures and elucidation of their functionality

- Structure and function of artificial lattices, quantum dots, single atoms/molecules, genomes and proteins
- Fundamental technology for intelligent computer systems (quantum computers, atomic/molecular computers and biocomputers)
- Fundamental technology for resource recycling and minimum energy systems • Self-organization

Emphasis on researcher creativity

Clustering of research

Measurement of Physical properties

• Precision measurement of electronic state, magnetic state, organization, structure and composition

• Temporal resolution measurement and extremely quiet environment

• Development of new probes

Theoretical calculation and analysis

Establish and enhancement of research and enforcement system

Nanotechnology strategy made by Council for Science and Technology Policy, Cabinet Office, and unified enforcement under it

- Deciding the guideline of entire nanotechnology budget

Network type COE management

- Networking among potent universities, public research institutes, and companies
- Sharing information and promotion for enterprising nanotechnology
- Concentrating competence and responsibility to program leaders

Development and utilization of human resources

- Strengthening interdisciplinary and systemic education systems
- Increasing of the mobility of human resources among industries, universities, and public research institutions

Strength of knowledge and intellectual base