**Intellectual Property Policies and Systems for an Innovation-Driven Japan (Overview)**

**Basic Approach**

Innovation is the key to sustainable development and lifestyle improvement in Japan.

Use innovation to stimulate growth and development, creating an “innovation-driven nation” in which citizens reap the innovation harvest.

**Innovation Hub Concept**

**Innovation hub: Platform for companies and other leading actors in innovation to gather**

1. Driven by industry initiative
   - Private-sector recommendations are reflected in policy. Consider building new arenas for government-private sector partnership.
2. Government promotion of a comprehensive innovation policy package
   - With the government serving as policy coordinator, propose and implement comprehensive policies which are consistent from entry to exit.
3. Exert the "gravity" that will attract knowledge from Japan and offshore
   - While using Japan’s advantages, bring together domestic and offshore knowledge to contribute to the resolution of national and international challenges.

Evolve this into the global-level intersection of diverse knowledge, enabling companies and other relevant organizations to bring out their innovation potential.

**IP Policies and Systems**

Deploy a range of policies and measures strategically and holistically as part of the government’s comprehensive innovation policy package.

For IP policies and systems that serve as infrastructure for making the most of corporate potential, the following should be promoted while positioning full protection for those interests that should be guarded as the cornerstone:

1. Policies and systems that allow companies to choose between competitive and collaborative strategies
2. Modification of domestic policies and systems that hinder participation by domestic and offshore knowledge of all kinds
3. Cooperation in modifying obstructive policies and systems and building good policies and systems in newly emerging economies, etc.
4. Proposal of attractive new frameworks that will entice other countries to get involved

**Future Challenges**

- Bolster efforts to build an innovation-driven country through private-sector initiatives
- Consider system design, etc., toward realizing an innovation hub