

Outline of Science and Technology Budget of Japanese Government, and the World Environmental Problems

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In this paper, I try to summarize the outline of science and technology budget of Japanese Government, and discuss about the world environmental problems.

The Government has accorded that the science and technology budget in recent years has been expanded, and it is of importance to improve its quality. More budgets should be allocated to projects of good performance while budget allocation to poorly-performing ones should be rationalized. The CSTP reviewed all the projects under the budget requests and prioritized them with scores from S (to be carried out vigorously) to C (to be revisited for better project design). This exercise is called 'SABC evaluation'. The 2004 Budget has been formulated based on the SABC evaluation; the budget allocations to project of 'S' or 'A' have been increased, while these to projects of 'B' or 'C' have been reduced. Below are the changes of budget allocations in FY2004 from FY2003 for each evaluation category.

The budget related to the environment *sensu lato* is now highly increased. The global warming is the most important. We are expected the budget will increase year by year, and the environment relation is in the framework of the Kyoto Declaration. The next important is the chemical and biochemical pollution matter in world-wide extent. This influences directly and vastly the Japanese social life.