

# **Science and Technology-Driven Regional Innovation in Japan (Industry-University-Government Collaboration)**

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# I. What's JST?

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# Missions

- Creation of Advanced Technology
- Promotion of Business through Advanced Technologies
- Promotion of S&T Information Dissemination
- Researchers' Exchange and Research Support
- Promotion of Public Understanding of S&T

# I. What's JST

## History

Japan Information Center of  
Science and Technology  
(JICST) -Est. in 1957-

Japan Research and  
Development Corporation  
(JRDC) -Est. in 1961-

Merger (1, Oct. 1996)

Japan Science and  
Technology Corporation  
(JST)

Re-establishment (1, Oct. 2003)

**Japan Science and  
Technology Agency (JST)**

## **II. Outline of the regional S&T policy in Japan**

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### Milestones of the regional S&T policy

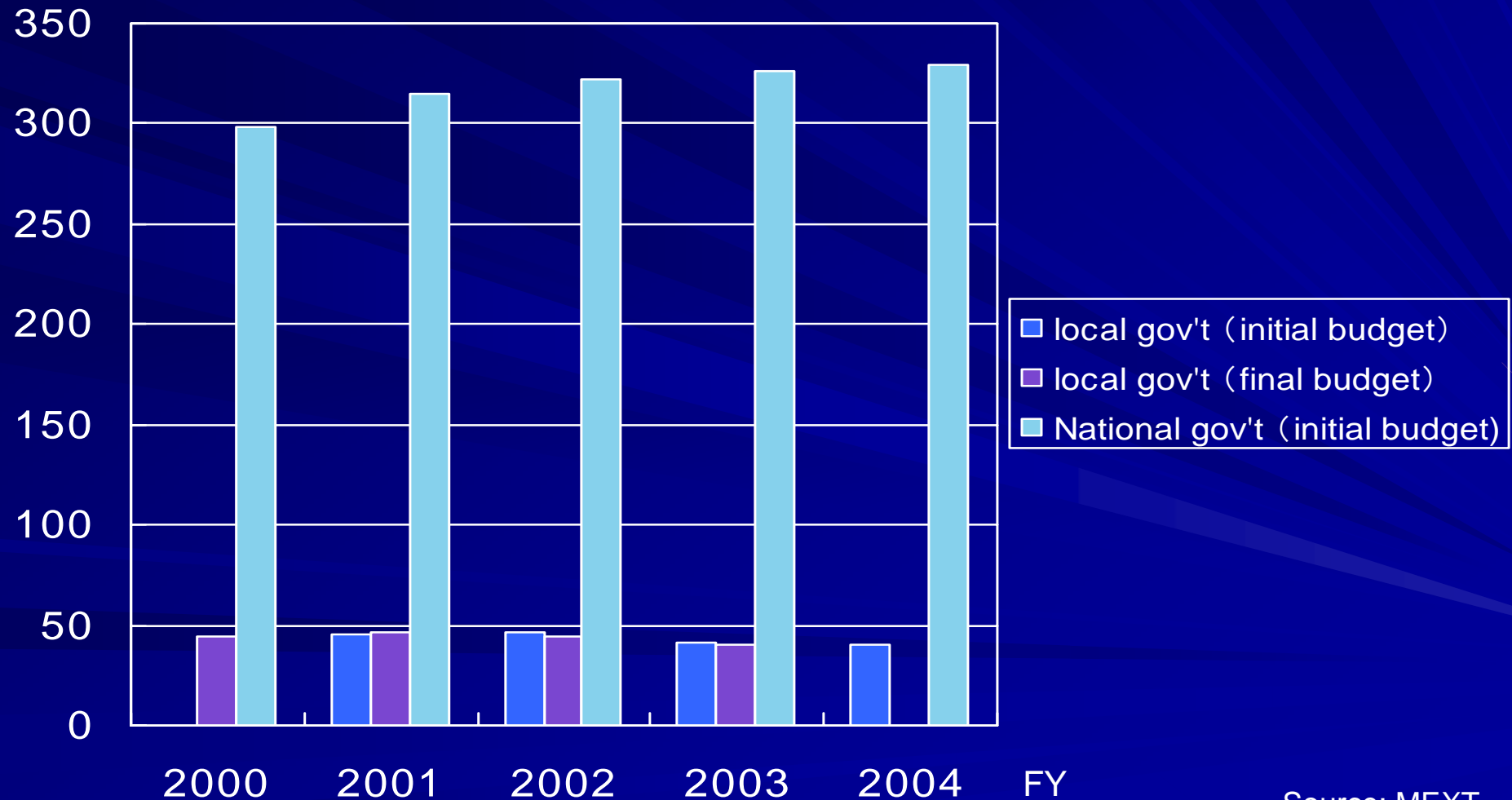
- October, 1995  
The Science and Technology Basic Law was established
- March, 2001  
The Second Science and Technology Basic Plan was established
  - Creation of the “Knowledge Clusters”
  - Smooth execution of the Regional S&T Promotion Policy

## II. Outline of the regional S&T policy in Japan

### The S&T budget (National / local governments)

US\$ billion

\*calculated as US\$1=110yen

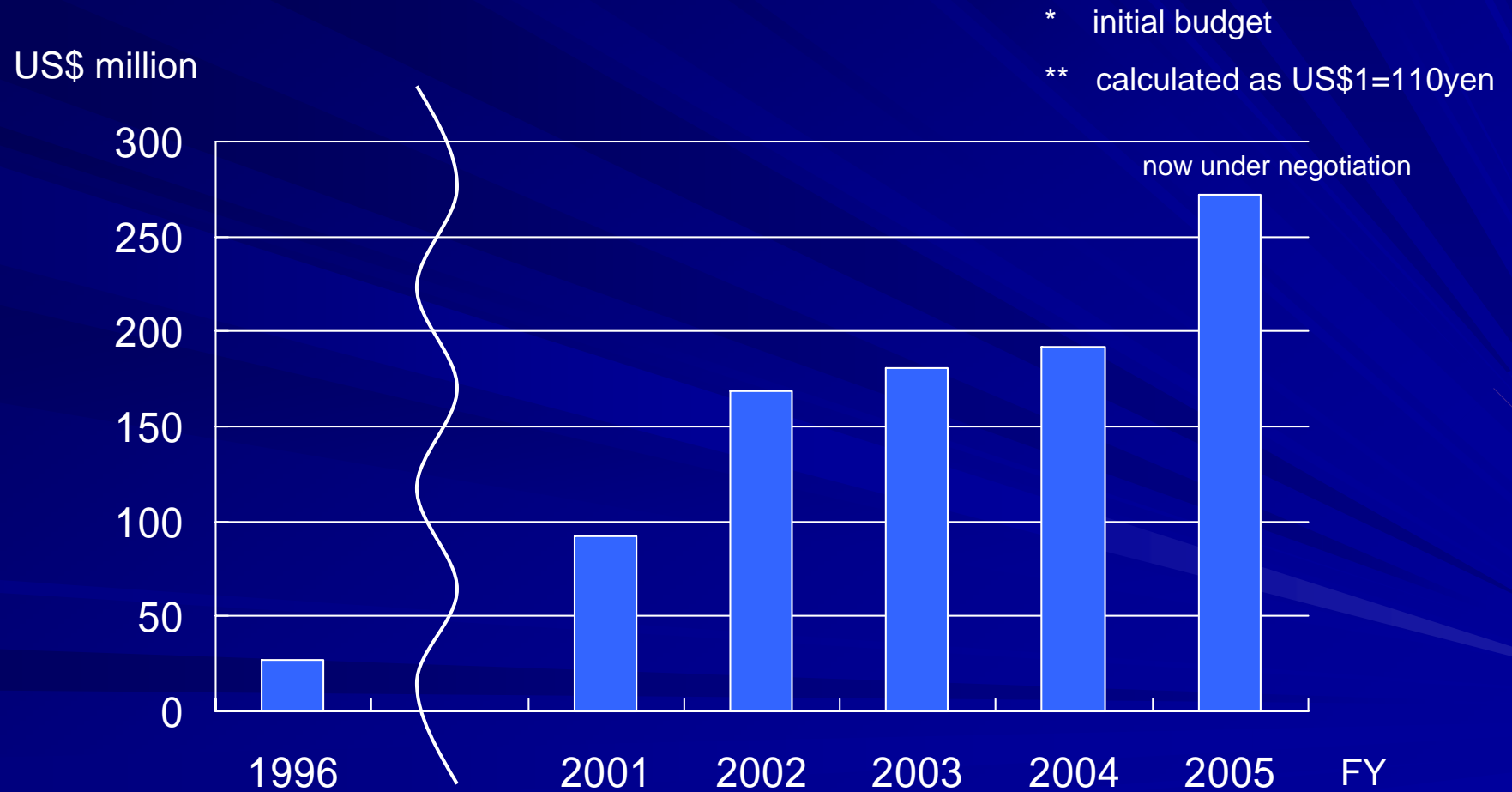


Source: MEXT



# I. Outline of the regional S&T policy in Japan

## The budget growth for the regional S&T



Source: MEXT

# III. Programs of the regional S&T promotion

- i. Knowledge Cluster Initiative (CLUSTER)
- ii. Industrial Cluster Project
- iii. City AREA Program
- iv. Collaboration of Regional Entities for the Advancement of Technological Excellence (CREATE)
- v. Regional Science Promotion Program (RSP)
- vi. Science and Technology Incubation Program in Advanced Regions

# **i. Knowledge Cluster Initiative**

**Launched by MEXT (Ministry of  
Education, Culture, Sports, Science and  
Technology) in FY 2002**

## i. Knowledge Cluster Initiative

# Overview

### ■ Purposes

- Create knowledge-concentrated region for technical innovation, where universities play a central role of knowledge creation in collaboration with R&D firms in the region

### ■ Budget

\* calculated as US\$1=110yen

- FY2004: US\$ 81.8million
- US\$ 4.5million / cluster (5-year project)

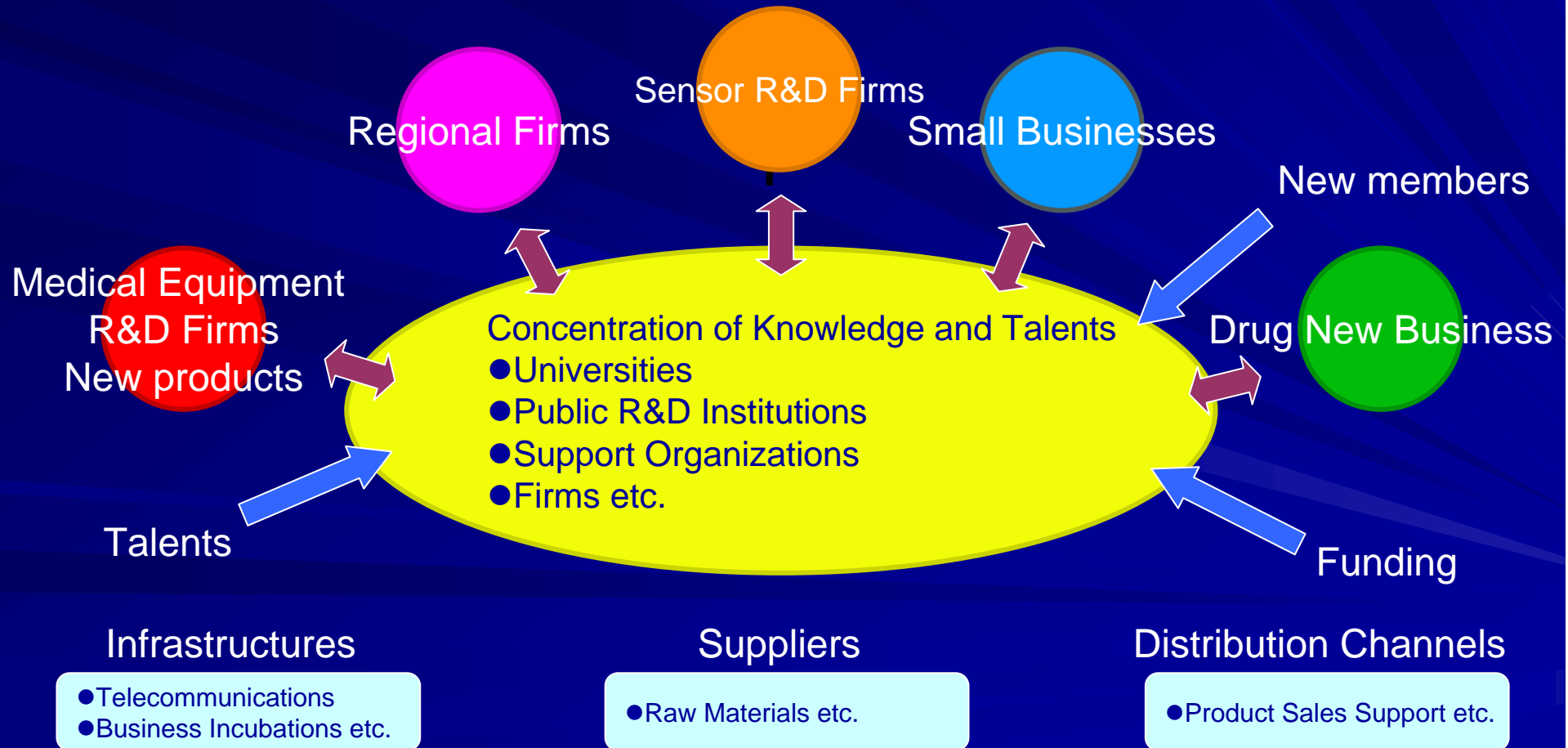
### ■ Activities

- Set up a “Knowledge Cluster Headquarters” in each region
- Place S&T coordinators and patent attorneys
- Produce seeds through Industry-University-Government collaboration research for industrialization
- Develop research, and apply for patents for research results
- Hold forums on research results

# i. Knowledge Cluster Initiative Scheme

- Concentrate on a specific field of technology
- Stimulate competition and cooperation
- Promote concentration effects

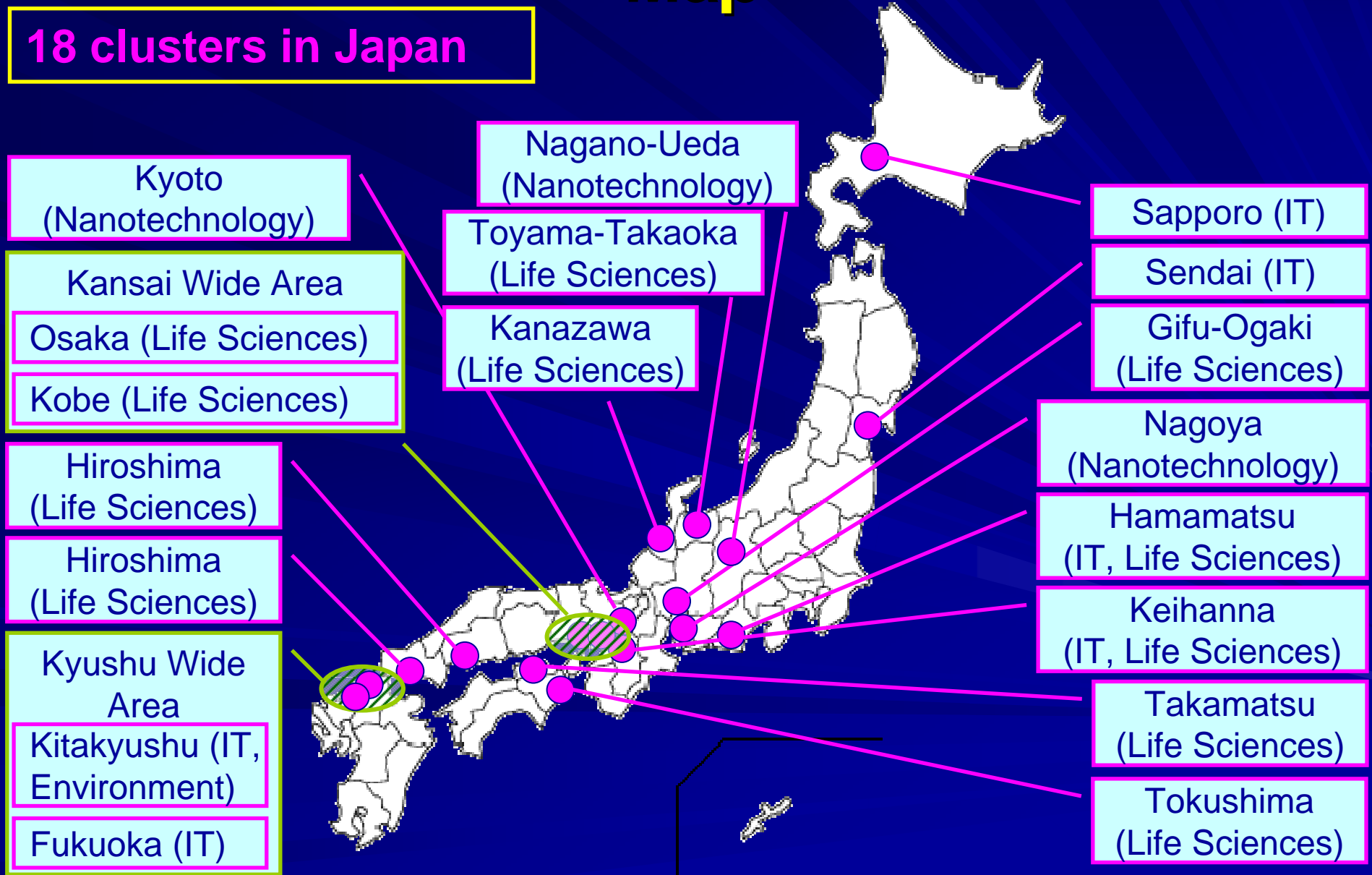
-Example of a bio cluster-



# i. Knowledge Cluster Initiative

## Map

18 clusters in Japan



# i. Knowledge Cluster Initiative

## The image of IT Carrozzeria (Sapporo)

Embedded IT workshops Design workshops Usability merged together

Human-centered manufacturing business  
Concept for marketing manufacturing IT workshop

Sapporo IT Carrozzeria Development Process (Establishment of IT Rapid Prototyping System)





## **ii. Industrial Cluster Project**

**Launched by METI (Ministry of Economy,  
Trade and Industry) in FY 2001**



## ii. Industrial Cluster Project

# Overview

### ■ Purposes

- Foster innovative environment through formation of network among players with different technologies in industrial agglomeration

### ■ Budget

\* calculated as US\$1=110yen

- FY 2004: US\$ 445 million  
(All the relative schemes available but not solely earmarked for the Industrial Cluster Project)

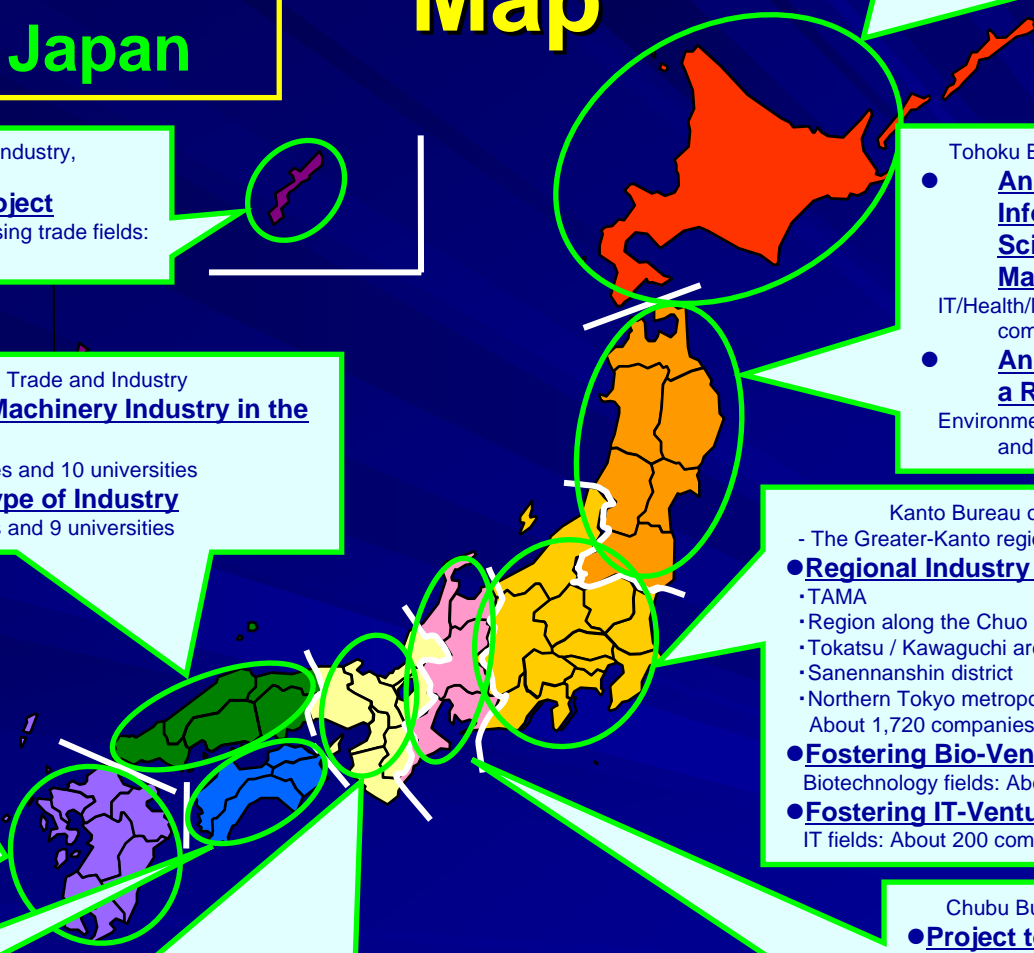
### ■ Activities

- Support for close Industry-University-Government collaboration in regions
- Support for development of technologies by taking advantage of regional characteristics
- Enhancement of business incubator function
- Support for the cultivation of the market in cooperation with trading firm
- Cooperation with the financial sector

# ii. Industrial Cluster Project

19 projects in Japan

## Map



Hokkaido Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
**●Hokkaido Super Cluster Promotion Project**  
 Biotechnology / IT fields: About 300 companies and 16 universities

Department of Economy, Trade and Industry,  
 Okinawa General Bureau  
**●Okinawa Industry Promotion Project**  
 Information / health / environmental / processing trade fields:  
 About 150 companies and 2 universities

Tohoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
**● An Industry Promotion Project for Information Technology, Life Science and Cutting-edge Manufacturing**  
 IT/Health/Manufacturing fields: About 230 companies and 21 universities  
**● An Industry Promotion Project for a Recycling-oriented Society**  
 Environmental/Energy fields: About 280 companies and 20 universities

Chugoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
**●Project to Newly Generate the Machinery Industry in the Chugoku Region**  
 Manufacturing fields: About 110 companies and 10 universities  
**●Project to Form a Circulative Type of Industry**  
 Environmental fields: About 90 companies and 9 universities

Kanto Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
 - The Greater-Kanto region Industrial Cluster Promotion Network -  
**●Regional Industry Revitalization Project**  
 - TAMA  
 - Region along the Chuo Expressway  
 - Tokatsu / Kawaguchi areas  
 - Sanennanshin district  
 - Northern Tokyo metropolitan area Manufacturing fields:  
 About 1,720 companies and 56 universities  
**●Fostering Bio-Ventures**  
 Biotechnology fields: About 210 companies and 13 universities  
**●Fostering IT-Ventures**  
 IT fields: About 200 companies

Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
**●Kyushu Recycle and Environmental Industry Plaza (K-RIP)**  
 Environmental fields: About 200 companies and 18 universities  
**●Kyushu Silicon Cluster Project**  
 Semiconductor fields: About 150 companies and 23 universities

Chubu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
**●Project to Create Manufacturing Industry in Tokai Region**  
 Manufacturing fields: About 650 companies and 29 universities  
**●Tokai Bio Factory Project**  
 Biotechnology fields: About 30 companies and 34 universities  
**●Project to Create Manufacturing Industry in Hokuriku Region**  
 Manufacturing fields: About 140 companies and 12 universities

Shikoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
**●Shikoku Techno Bridge Plan**  
 Health and welfare / Environmental fields: About 290 companies and 5 universities

Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry  
**●Bio Five-Star Company & Tissue Engineering Project**  
 Bio-related fields: About 220 companies and 36 universities  
**●Active Manufacturing Industry Support Project**  
 Manufacturing fields: About 460 companies and 26 universities  
**●Kansai Information Technology Cluster Promotion Project**  
 IT fields: About 300 companies and 12 universities  
**●Kansai Energy & Environment Cluster Promotion Project**  
 Energy fields: About 110 companies and 23 universities

Source: METI

## ii. Industrial Cluster Project

# Cooperation with the Knowledge Cluster Initiative

1. Set up committee for regional cluster promotion
2. Encourage cooperation within regional entities
3. Promote joint conferences to announce project results



## ii. Industrial Cluster Project

# List of the tie-ups between MEXT and METI

Knowledge Cluster Initiative	Related Regional METI Bureaus	Committee	Joint Conference to Announce Project Results (Actual record for FY2003)
Sapporo	METI Hokkaido	Hokkaido IT Cluster Promotion Committee	March 2004
Sendai	METI Tohoku	Tohoku Region Cluster Promotion	March 2004
Nagano / Ueda	METI Kanto	Nanotech Forum Nagano	September 2003
Hamamatsu		Hamamatsu Cluster Promotion Committee	March 2004
Nagoya	METI Chubu	Committee of Cluster Promotion in Tokai Region	February 2004
Toyama / Takaoka		Committee of Cluster Promotion in Hokuriku Region	February 2004
Kyoto	METI Kansai	Kinki Region Cluster Promotion Committee	February 2004
Kansai Science City			Kansai Wide Area Cluster Combined Headquarters Committee (Combining both Osaka and Kobe)
Saito (Northern Part of Osaka Pref.)		Chugoku Region Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Committee	
Kobe			February 2004
Hiroshima	METI Chugoku	Chugoku Region Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Committee	February 2004
Takamatsu	METI Shikoku	Rare Sugar Project Strategy Committee	February 2004
Tokushima		Tokushima Cluster Promotion Committee	
Fukuoka	METI Kyushu	Kyushu Wide Area Cluster Combined Headquarters Committee (Combining both Fukuoka and Kitakyushu)	May 2003
Kitakyushu Science and Research Park			

## **iii. City AREA Program**

**Launched by MEXT (Ministry of  
Education, Culture, Sports, Science and  
Technology) in FY 2002**

### iii. City AREA Program

## Overview

#### ■ Purposes

- Produce new technological seeds by execution of Industry-University-Government collaboration centering on universities in city areas
- Force new businesses and regional Industries with R&D strategies on the initiative of the local governments and regional characteristics

#### ■ Budget

\* calculated as US\$1=110yen

- FY 2004: US\$ 30.9 million
- US\$ 0.9million / area (3-year project)

#### ■ Activities

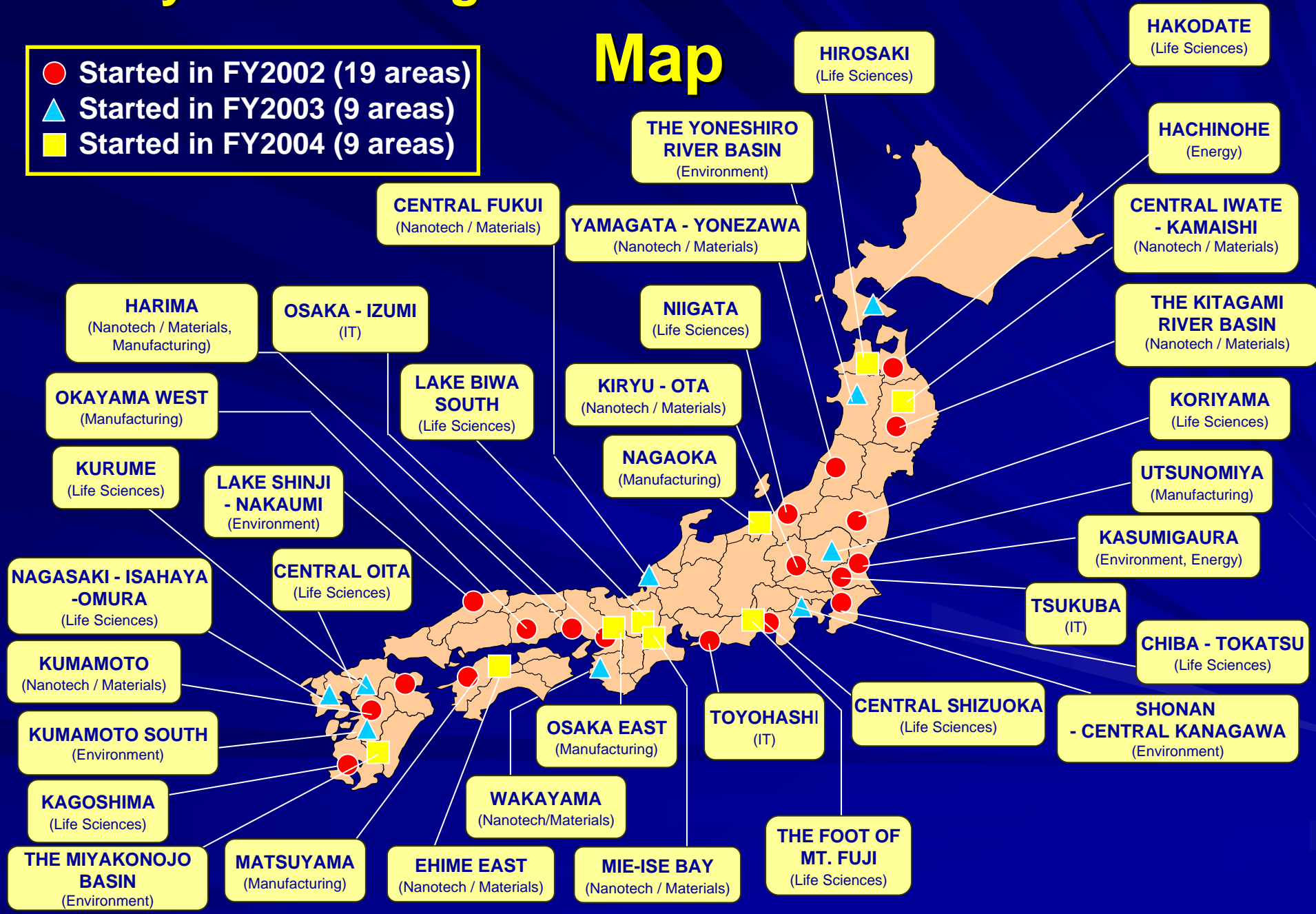
- Reinforce specific field of technology
- Support for the core institutions settled by the prefectures or ordinance-designated city, execute various promotions matching for the sectors of the each city area



# iii. City AREA Program

## Map

- Started in FY2002 (19 areas)
- ▲ Started in FY2003 (9 areas)
- Started in FY2004 (9 areas)



**iv. Collaboration of Regional  
Entities for the Advancement of  
Technological Excellence  
(CREATE)**

**Launched by JST (Japan Science and  
Technology Agency) in FY 1999**



## iv. Collaboration of Regional Entities for the Advancement of Technological Excellence (CREATE)

# Overview

### ■ Purposes

- Establish and reinforce the S&T foundation that creates new technologies and industries in research fields with the first priority
- Establish the foundation of a regional COE through joint-research by stimulating regional potential in universities, research institutes, and R&D oriented private firms

### ■ Budget

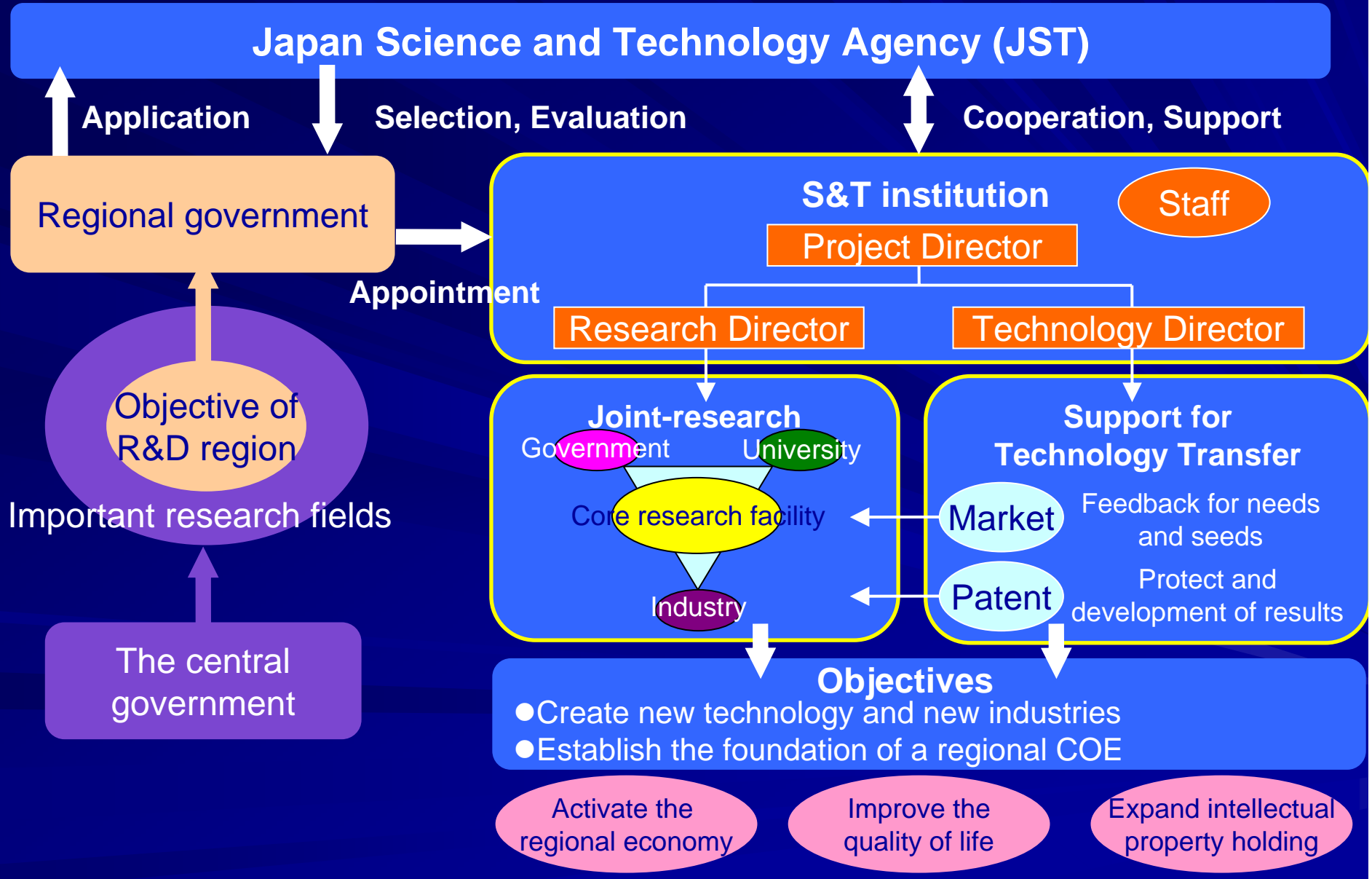
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- FY 2004: US\$ 44.7 million
- US\$ 2.2million / area (5-year project)

### ■ Activities

- Concentrate on important research field identified by the central government
- Ask the role of a back office for S&T institution in the region, which facilitate researches and commercialization
- Appoint Project Director, Research Director, Technology Facilitator etc.
- Support for the joint-research system established by core research facilities, which consist of universities, research institutes, and R&D oriented corporations in prefectures or ordinance-designated cities

# iv. Collaboration of Regional Entities for the Advancement of Technological Excellence (CREATE) Scheme



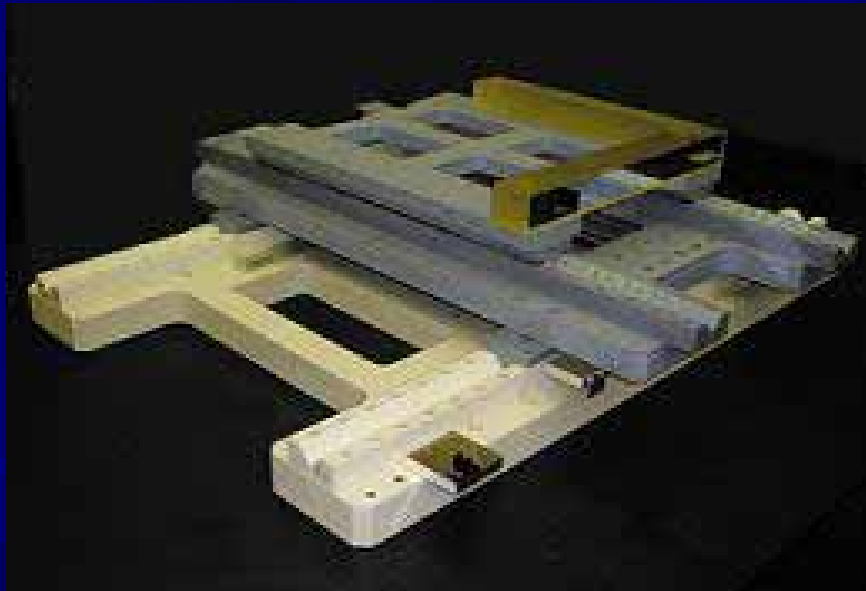
#### iv. Collaboration of Regional Entities for the Advancement of Technological Excellence (CREATE)

## Examples of research results (1)

### ■ Kumamoto Pref. (Started in FY1999)

Theme:

Advanced Magnetic Storage and Medical Applications



Super precision high-speed stage

### ■ Fukui Pref. (Started in FY1999)

Theme:

High-Brightness Laser Material Processing



Laser metal modeling hybrid machining unit

#### iv. Collaboration of Regional Entities for the Advancement of Technological Excellence (CREATE)

## Examples of research results(2)

- **Hiroshima Pref. (Started in FY1999)**  
Theme: Tissue Regeneration



Hair follicle regeneration by the transplantation of cultured hair papilla cells

- **Yamagata Pref. (Started in FY1999)**  
Theme: Genetic Engineering and Sensing Technology for Advanced Biomaterials



3-D microscope tomographic measurement system prototyped

# **v. Regional Science Promotion Program (RSP)**

**Launched by JST (Japan Science and  
Technology Agency) in FY 2000**

## v. Regional Science Promotion Program (RSP)

# Overview

### ■ Purposes

- Build a regionally strong basis for science and technology
- Put technological seeds obtained from academic research to practical use

### ■ Budget

\* calculated as US\$1=110yen

- FY 2004: US\$ 4.7 million
- US\$ 0.6million / area (5-year project)

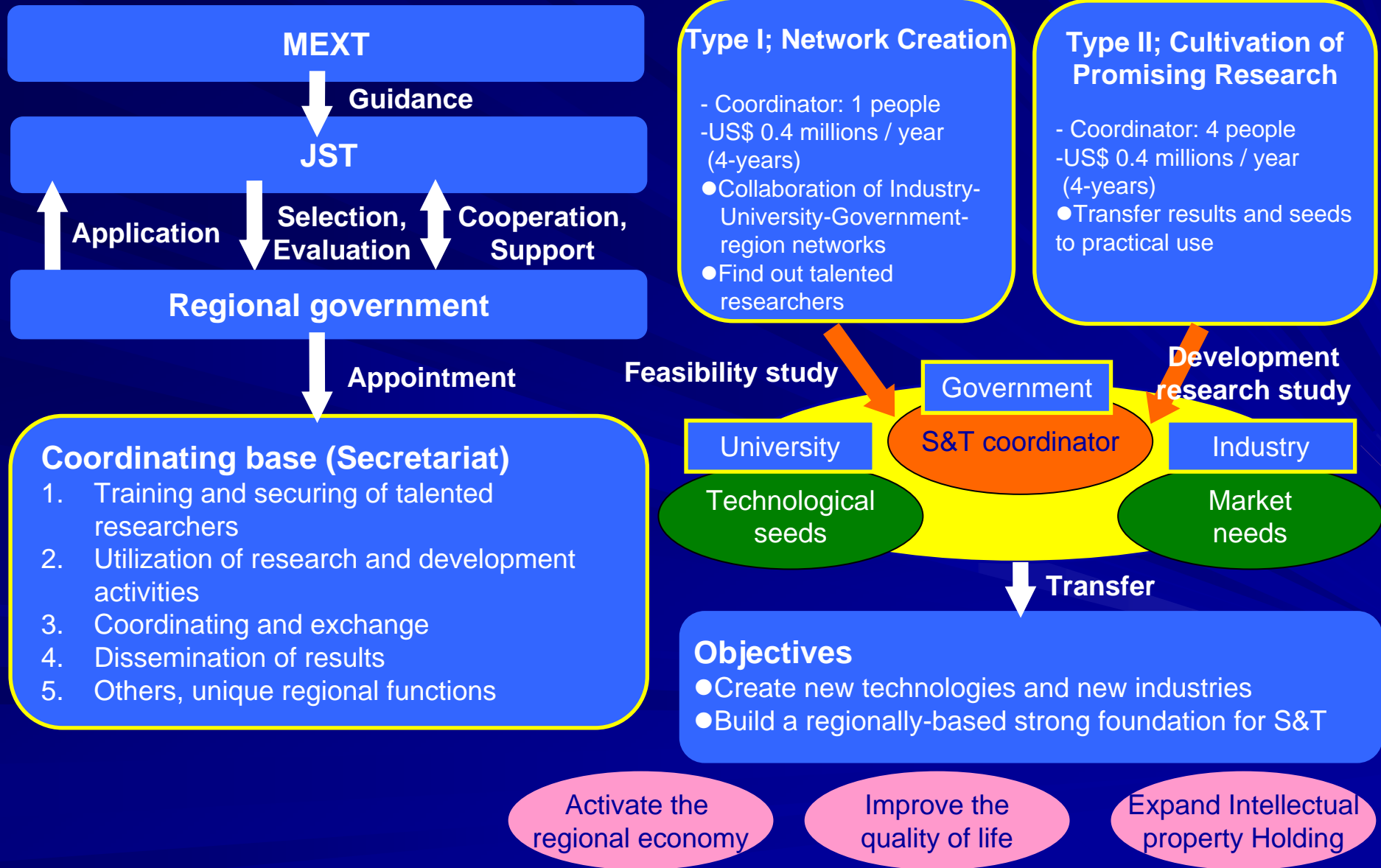
### ■ Activities

- Appoint S&T coordinators in the regional government
- S&T coordinators
  - Review research results and technological seeds in universities
  - Evaluate practicability of such results and seeds, and promote further necessary research and study by small funding
  - Transfer these results to other technological innovation programs etc.

# v. Regional Science Promotion Program (RSP)

## Scheme

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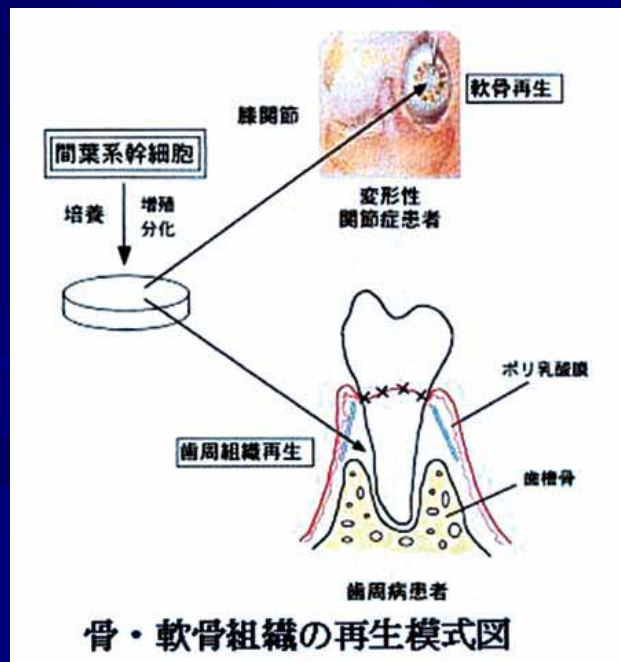


## v. Regional Science Promotion Program (RSP)

# Examples of developed results

### ■ Hiroshima Pref. (Started in FY1999)

- Theme: Regenerative medicine for bone and cartilage diseases
- Technological seeds: Prof. Yukio KATO (Hiroshima University)
- Research facility: Hiroshima University



### ■ Osaka Pref. (Started in FY1999)

- Theme: Community system in low vision persons by high performance retina projection laser display
- Technological seeds: Prof. Eiji SHIMIZU (Takarazuka University of Art of Design)
- Research facility: Osaka City University



Head mount type electronic glasses



**vi. Science and Technology  
Incubation Program  
in Advanced Regions**

**Launched by JST (Japan Science and  
Technology Agency) in FY 2001**

## vi. Science and Technology Incubation Program in Advanced Regions

# Overview

### ■ Purposes

- Promote the regional Industry-University-Government collaboration based on creative research at universities
- Revitalize regional economy and create new business

### ■ Budget

- FY 2004: US\$ 29.8 million
- US\$ 3.7 million / region

\* calculated as US\$1=110yen

### ■ Facilities

- 8 Innovation Plazas in Japan

### ■ Activities

- Appoint S&T coordinators in Innovation Plazas
- Coordinate S&T activities in each region
- Promote joint research among the regional industry, Universities and the government for practical use
- Exchange information through Plaza activities (research meetings, lectures etc.)

# vi. Science and Technology Incubation Program in Advanced Regions

## Map

### 8 Innovation Plazas in Japan

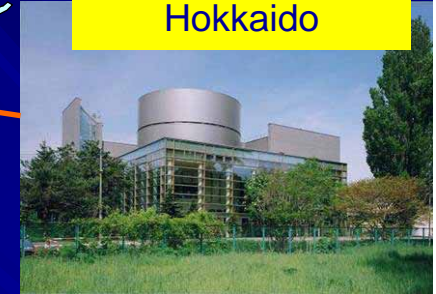
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Kyoto



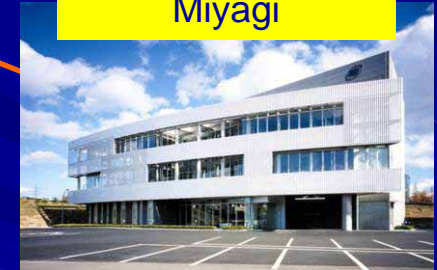
Innovation Plaza  
Ishikawa



Innovation Plaza  
Hokkaido



Innovation Plaza  
Miyagi



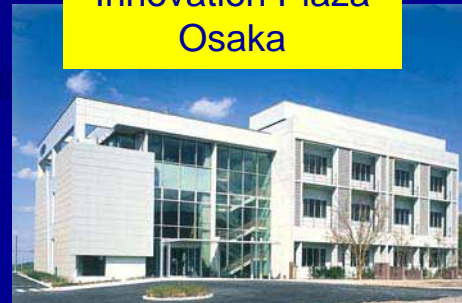
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Hiroshima



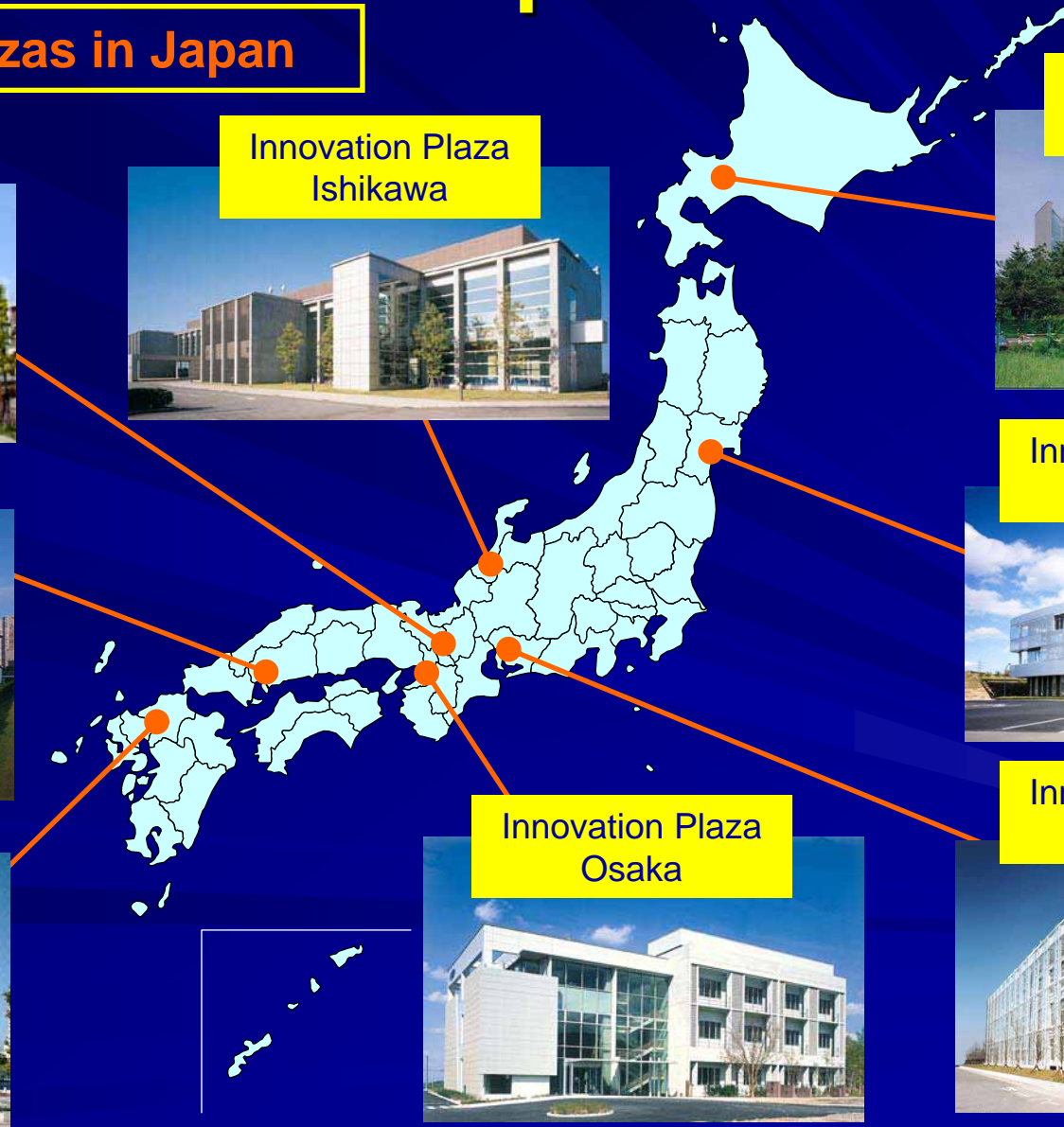
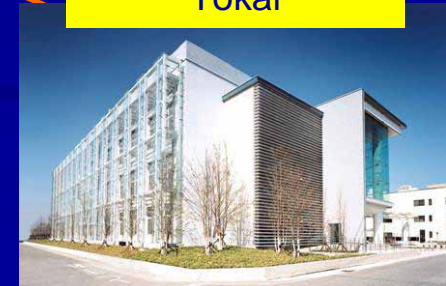
Innovation Plaza  
Fukuoka



Innovation Plaza  
Osaka



Innovation Plaza  
Tokai



# vi. Science and Technology Incubation Program in Advanced Region

## Scheme

### Innovation Plaza

Promote the regional Industry-University-Government collaboration

- Review research results and technological seeds, and evaluates practicability of research results and seeds by the S&T coordinator
- Manage forums and workshops on research results



Make use of creative research results at universities in regions

- Support researches for commercialization in Industry-University-Government collaboration



Transfer research results to other technological innovation programs



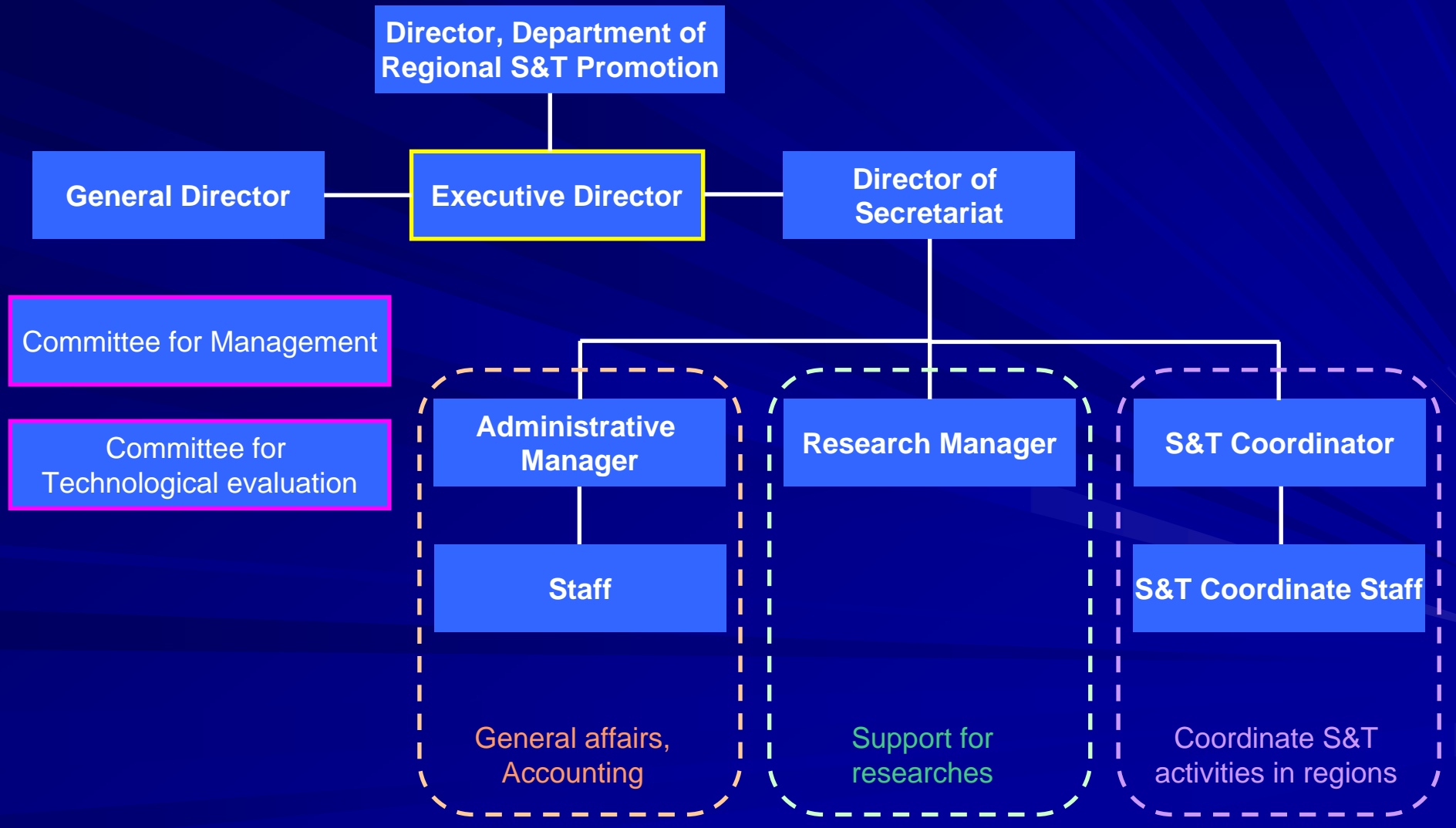
Promote Practical use

Activate the regional economy

Create new industries

## vi. Science and Technology Incubation Program in Advanced Region

# Organization of Innovation Plaza



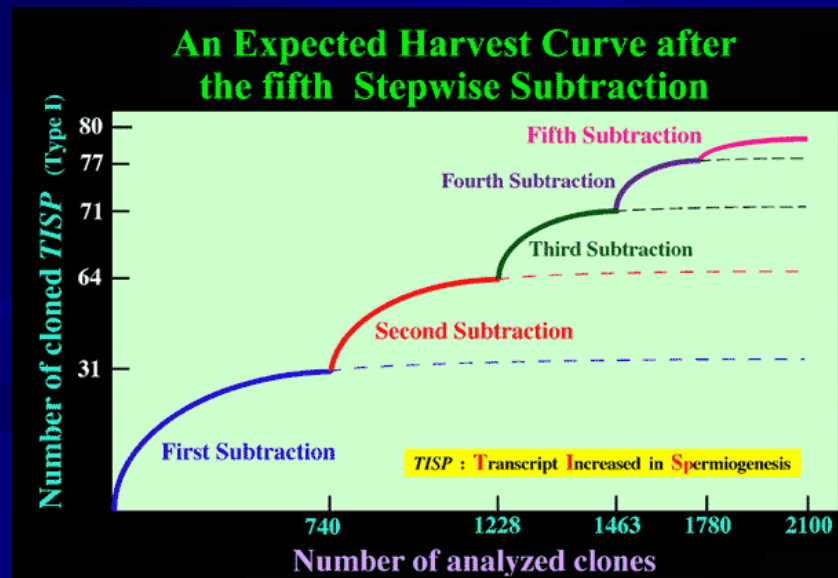


## vi. Science and Technology Incubation Program in Advanced Region

# Example of developed product

### ■ Innovation Plaza Osaka

- Theme: Commercialization of a new tissue-specific cDNA microarrays for detection of diseases using blood sample (started in FY2001)
- Research director: Prof. Hiroshi NOJIMA (Osaka university)
- JST researcher: Hiroaki ONDA
- Joint research companies: TAKARA BIO INC., Gene Design Inc

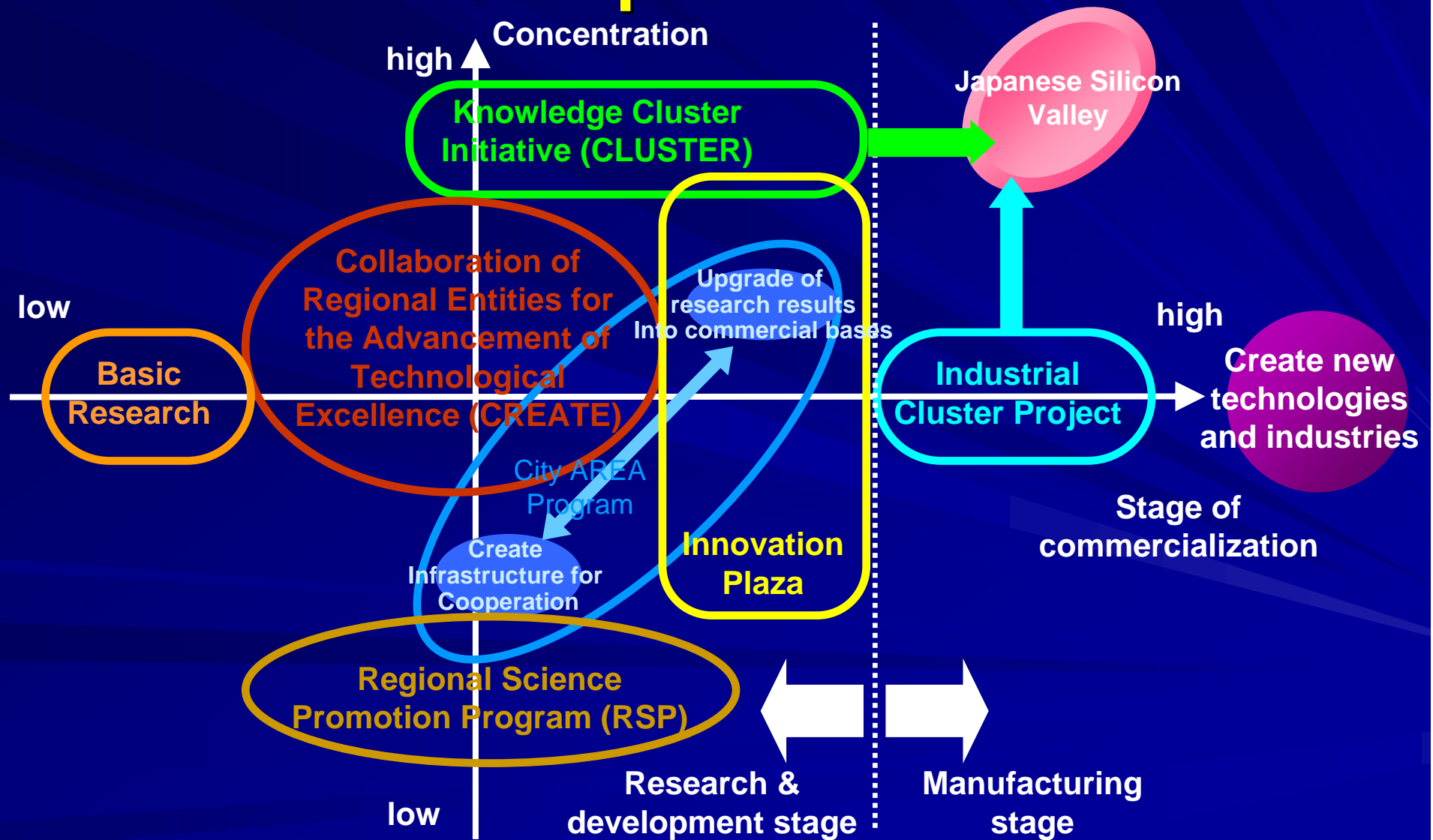


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# **IV. Conclusion**

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## Position of Programs in the regional S&T promotion





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# Conclusions

- Simultaneously many kinds of program with each characteristic
- Soft linkage among each program
- University - Major player as a knowledge source
- Coordinator - Fundamental and key player
- RSP – Most basic and practical program

**Thank you so much for  
your attention!**