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Japanese Government S&T-related Budget for JFY2007

- Quick Summary -

The Japanese Government's total S&T-related budget for Japan Fiscal Year 2007 (April 1, 2007-March 31, 2008) is expected to be Yen 3,511.3 billion (\$29.8 billion @Yen 118/\$), a decrease of 1.8 percent from JFY2006. Almost-final figures for the S&T-related budget were made public by the Council for Science and Technology Policy (CSTP) on December 25, 2006. The figures reflect reviews by the CSTP and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) of budget requests made by ministries/agencies in August 2006 (see NSF Tokyo Report #06-05: <http://www.nsftokyo.org/rm06-05.pdf>). Minor modifications may be made before the end of March 2007, when the final budget approvals are expected by the Diet.

The JFY2007 budget cycle is the fifth time that CSTP has reviewed and rated projects proposed in ministry/agency budget requests (see NSF Tokyo report #06-01 for JFY2006 project ratings: <http://www.nsftokyo.org/rm06-01.pdf>). Because of the large number (390) of projects reviewed for JFY2007, and the significance of the CSTP-assigned ratings, this office will report details in a subsequent Report Memorandum.

The table below shows the almost-final S&T-related budget by ministry/agency for JFY2007, together with the figures for the JFY2006 budget, the proposed JFY2006 supplemental budget, the budgets requested by ministries/agencies in August 2006, and increase/decrease percentages from JFY2006 to JFY2007.

Table: Japanese Government Total S&T-related Budget by Ministry/agency
(Unit: Billion Yen)

	S&T-related Budget JFY2006 (A)	S&T-related Supplemental Budget to JFY2006 (Proposed)	S&T-related Budget Request JFY2007	S&T-related Almost-final Budget JFY2007 (B)	Increase/Decrease (%) (B)-(A)/(A)
MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	2,303.7	137.3	2,577.3	2,312.1	0.4
METI: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry	558.1	5.2	560.4	503.3	-9.8
MOD: Ministry of Defense	183.6	0.0	160.0	157.3	-14.3
MHLW: Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare	130.8	0.1	149.1	131.5	0.6
MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	120.9	0.8	152.6	129.0	6.6

MLIT: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport	78.5	0.3	88.0	78.5	0.1
MIC: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications	74.9	0.0	81.3	73.1	-2.4
Cabinet Secretariat	61.2	0.3	65.6	60.3	-1.4
MOE: Ministry of Environment	28.9	0.6	37.2	31.4	8.6
Cabinet Office	15.8	0.0	17.6	16.2	2.7
MOFA: Ministry of Foreign Affairs	11.0	0.5	11.5	11.5	4.9
Police Agency	2.2	0.0	2.3	2.2	-0.9
MOJ: Ministry of Justice	2.1	0.0	2.2	2.0	-3.4
MOF: Ministry of Finance	1.6	0.1	1.6	1.5	-3.8
Diet	1.1	0.0	1.4	1.1	5.2
TOTAL:	3,574.3	145.1	3,908.0	3,511.3	-1.8

[NSF/T Note: The decrease of the S&T-related budget of 14.3 percent for MOD is because of the completion of their large-scale project on Maritime Patrol Aircraft and Cargo Transport Aircraft. The decrease of 9.8 percent for METI is because of the Government's review of the Special Account in all fields that includes many Energy-related projects.]