

MEXT’s Recent Activities on Science Diplomacy

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CULTURE, SPORTS,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-JAPAN

(1) Major Developments

- Ministerial Meeting with the European Commission [January]
*Young Researchers, Quantum Technology, Arctic Science
- The 2nd International Space Exploration Forum (ISEF2) @ Tokyo [March]
- Ministerial Meeting with the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) [May]
*Arctic Science, Young Researchers, Digital Innovation and Quantum Technology
- Ministerial Meeting with the U.K. Government Chief Scientific Advisor [October]
*RENKEI (Japan-UK Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiative) in November
- Joint Statement with Sweden [October]
*MIRAI Seminar, the 150th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations
- Arctic Science Ministerial 2 @ Berlin [October]



Former Minister Hayashi and Commissioner Moedas, EU @ Brussels



Former Minister Hayashi and Director Córdova, US @ Washington, D.C.

Deputy Minister Yamawaki and Ambassador Robach, Sweden @ MIRAI Seminar, Tokyo



Minister Shibayama and Dr. Valance, UK @ STS forum, Kyoto

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Reference (Memorandum of Cooperation recently signed by MEXT)

- Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria [last October]
- Ministry of Higher Education and Science of Denmark [April]
- Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China [August]
*Collaboration Hubs for International Research Program [CHIRP / SOCRP]
- Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania [October]



Bulgaria

Former Minister Hayashi and
Minister Valchev, Bulgaria
@ STS forum, Kyoto



Denmark

Former Minister Hayashi and
Minister Pind, Denmark
@ MEXT



China

Former Minister Hayashi and Minister Wan,
China @ The 16th Japan-China S&T
Cooperation Joint Committee, Tokyo



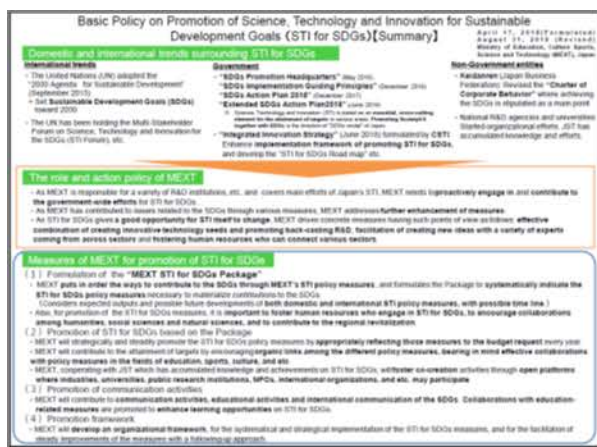
Lithuania

Minister Shibayama and Prime Minister Skvernelis,
Lithuania @ MEXT

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(2) STI for SDGs: Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals

- Basic Policy on Promotion of STI for SDGs [April]
- MEXT STI for SDGs Package [August]
- Japan-ASEAN STI for SDGs Bridging Initiative [October]
 - * Joint research (such as SATREPS), research outputs → social implementation towards SDGs
 - * New business & job opportunities / share experiences and practices



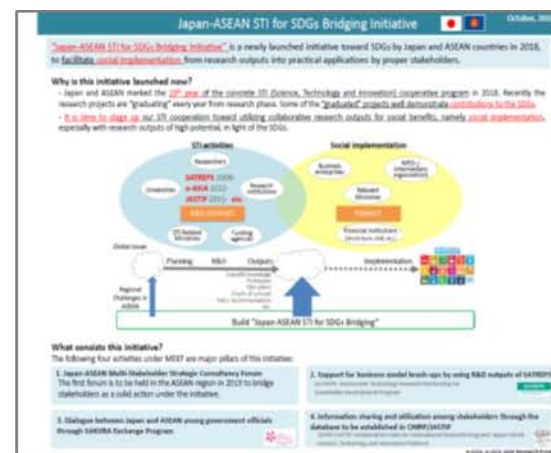
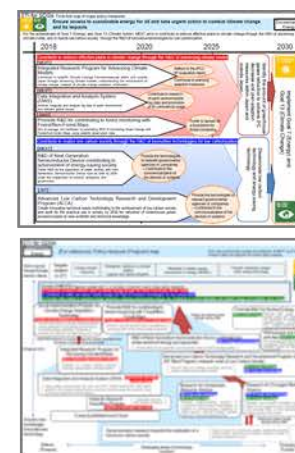
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Japan-ASEAN STI for SDGs Bridging Initiative

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