

Science Council of Japan, Scientific advices, Academy

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Many countries have national academies. that maintain independence from the government. These academies propose future visions of society from an unbiased and scientific point of view and form common understandings of science through international collaborative activities. The Science Council of Japan was established in 1949 with the conviction that science is the foundation of a cultural nation, with the aim of reflecting science in administration, industry and people's lives, and has since served as the Japanese academy.

In the last 70 years, science has developed tremendously; human activities have become enormous, people's lives have been enriched, and, as a consequence, problems that threaten human sustainability, such as global warming and marine plastic problems, have become apparent. In addition, modern society faces many problems such as declining and aging population, intergenerational, gender and minority disparities, and constant regional conflicts. The Science Council of Japan wants to contribute to improve society by disseminating insightful proposals and opinions in cooperation with academies around the world.

As the times change, the role required to the Science Council of Japan is also changing. Therefore, the Science Council of Japan issued "Toward a better role of the Science Council of Japan (interim report)" in December 2020. We are also preparing to issue the final report in April this year. In this talk, I would like to introduce what we are thinking for the better role of the Science Council of Japan and think together with you about the future of the Science Council of Japan.

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