The Open Government Data Strategy was adopted as a strategy for intensive implementation of measures to promote the use of public data. (Decided on July 4, 2012 by the IT Strategic Headquarters)

◆ Objectives of the Strategy

(1) Enhance transparency and confidence → Raise the transparency of government and build confidence in government by the public.
(2) Promote public participation and collaboration between the public and private sectors → Rapidly and efficiently provide public services that make use of creative innovations and respond to the diversification of needs and values.
(3) Economic stimulus and higher efficiency in government → Provide stimulus to the entire economy of Japan and increase the efficiency of and advance operations by the national and local governments.

◆ Basic Direction

Fundamental Principles
(1) Government shall actively release public data.
(2) Public data shall be released in machine-readable formats.
(3) The use of public information shall be encouraged whether for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
(4) Specific measures shall be taken such as the prompt disclosure of public data that can be released, and results shall be steadily accumulated.

◆ Specific Measures

FY 2012: Implement the following measures
1. Promoting the use of public data (promote collaboration with the private sector concerning the use of public data and implement trial programs) [Cabinet Secretariat, MIC, METI]
   (1) Identify public data use needs, (2) Examine and organize issues relating to data provision methods, (3) Develop private sector services
2. Development of environments for the use of public data (develop environments for the use of public data based on the results of the trial programs) [Cabinet Secretariat, relevant ministries]
   (1) Create necessary rules (copyright handling rules, etc.), (2) Develop data catalogs, (3) Promote standardization of data formats and structures, (4) Investigate support to provider agencies

FY 2013 and later: Continue and expand various measures based on a roadmap [Cabinet Secretariat, relevant ministries]

◆ Implementation Structures

Creation of Implementation Structures and Systems: The Cabinet Secretariat will promptly establish a conference of working-level personnel from the public and private sectors as the body for implementing open data policies [Cabinet Secretariat, MIC, METI, relevant ministries]
(1) Investigate fundamental matters, including the development of environments for the use of public data,
(2) Investigate policies to be implemented in the future and adoption of a roadmap, (3) Review and follow-up on policies

Electronic Provision Guidelines: Introduce follow-up systems, and review the scope and content of provided information and methods of provision based on the results of the specific policies and user requests [Cabinet Secretariat, MIC]