

Summary of the Open Government Data Strategy

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]