

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Minister's Secretariat

(Organization)

- Personnel Division
- Management and Coordination Division
- Budget and Accounts Division
- Policy Division
- International Affairs Division

(Functions)

The Minister's Secretariat carries out general administrative duties, such as personnel affairs, general affairs and accounting, and is also responsible for policy coordination and evaluation for the Ministry as a whole, public relations and information technology development related to administrative functions, organization of international work and implementation of international aid and cooperation, and work on the maintenance of educational provision.

Department of Facilities Planning and Administration

(Organization)

- Facilities Planning Division
- Local Facilities Aid Division
- National Facilities Division
- Technical Affairs Division

(Functions)

The Department of Facilities Planning and Administration handles the planning of basic standards and policies for educational facilities. It aids the improvement of local and national educational facilities as well as providing technical guidelines for the promotion of environmentally-friendly facilities, barrier-free facilities, etc. It also handles the policies for disaster prevention and disaster restoration.

Lifelong Learning Policy Bureau

(Organization)

- Policy Planning and Coordination Division
- Lifelong Learning Promotion Division
- Education Media and Information Policy Division
- Social Education Division
- Gender Equality Learning Division
- Coordination and Community Affairs Division

(Functions)

In order to promote educational reform, the Lifelong Learning Policy Bureau plans and drafts basic policy, conducts research and analysis on domestic and overseas education, and strives to promote policies on information technology. The Bureau also promotes social education, supports education in the home, and develops various lifelong learning opportunities related to gender equality. The Bureau is also responsible for the maintenance and enhancement of the Open University of Japan and advancement of specialized training college education and miscellaneous school education.

Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau

(Organization)

- Elementary and Secondary Education Planning Division
- Financial Affairs Division

School Curriculum Division
Student Affairs Division
Early Childhood Education Division
Special Needs Education Division
International Education Division
Textbook Division
Educational Personnel Division
School Management Support Division

(Functions)

In order to advance elementary and secondary education, the Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau is responsible for establishing curriculum standards in elementary schools, lower and upper secondary schools, secondary schools, special schools for the children with disabilities and kindergartens. It is also responsible for the enhancement of student guidance and career guidance, the promotion of education of Japanese children living overseas, and the free provision and authorization of textbooks. Lastly, the Bureau is responsible for the system for local education, systems related to government employees working in education, standards of class size and staffing numbers for schools, the payment of teaching staff, and the improvement of public school facilities.

Higher Education Bureau

(Organization)

Higher Education Policy Planning Division
University Promotion Division
Technical Education Division
Medical Education Division
Student Support and Exchange Division
National University Corporation Support Division

(Functions)

In order to advance higher education, the Higher Education Bureau is responsible for the formulation of basic policies for higher education, the establishment and authorization of universities, junior colleges and colleges of technology, selection of new students and the conferring of degrees, duties related to student welfare guidance, scholarships, and the promotion of student exchanges. In addition, to promote private education, the Bureau is also responsible for approving the establishment of educational corporations, guidance and assistance on the management of educational corporations, and the provision of assistance toward private school education.

Private Education Institution Department

(Organization)

Private Education Institution Administration Division
Private Education Institution Aid Division
Private Education Institution Management Division

(Functions)

This section offers guidance and advice concerning plans for systems and organizational operations connected with private school administration. Moreover, in order to promote private school education, it grants permission to set up a school corporation, aids private schools, and carries out the clerical work related to guidance and advice for the management of school corporations.

Science and Technology Policy Bureau

(Organization)

Policy Division
Planning and Evaluation Division

Knowledge Infrastructure Policy Division
Research and Development Infrastructure Division
University-Industry Collaboration and Regional R&D Division

(Functions)

The Science and Technology Policy Bureau is responsible for the planning and drafting of basic science and technology policies. The Bureau is also responsible for the formulation of research and development programs and promotion of research evaluation, training of researchers and technicians, regional science and technology promotion, promoting the understanding of science and technology, the promotion of a comprehensive policy on international research exchange, promoting the application of research results and cooperation among industries, academia and government, and promoting of cross-field research, etc.

Research Promotion Bureau

(Organization)

Promotion Policy Division
Basic Research Promotion Division
Scientific Research Institutes Division
Scientific Research Aid Division
Life Sciences Division
Information Division
Materials Science and Nanotechnology Development Division

(Functions)

The Research Promotion Bureau is responsible for the formulation of policies to promote cross-field research such as improving the research environment and R&D infrastructure by, for example, enhancing the research information infrastructure, and performing work relating to fundamental research. The Bureau also formulates policies to promote scientific research, including the establishment of scientific institution and the provision of assistance for scientific research, and performs work relating to basic and fundamental research and development in such areas as IT, life sciences, material science, nanotechnology, and theoretical physics research.

Research and Development Bureau

(Organization)

Research and Development Policy Division
Earthquake and Disaster-Reduction Research Division
Ocean and Earth Division
Environment and Energy Division
Space Development and Utilization Division
Atomic Energy Division
Nuclear Liability Division

(Functions)

The Research and Development Bureau is responsible for promoting research and development centered on large-scale projects, such as in the fields of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and disasters reduction; the ocean and the Earth science, including Antarctic observation; environmental and energy science and technology; space transportation systems, the International Space Station Program and other research, development and utilization of space; nuclear energy science and technology such as nuclear fuel cycles and nuclear nonproliferation.

Sports and Youth Bureau

(Organization)

Policy Planning Division
Sports Promotion Division

Competitive Sports Division
School Health Education Division
Youth Division
Physical Education Division
Youth Development Division

(Functions)

The Sports and Youth Bureau is responsible for formulating integrated policies for the sound mental and physical development of Japanese people. These policies include: the advancement of policies to promote all sports, such as the enhancement of physical education and sports in schools; the realization of a lifelong sports society; improvement of competitiveness in sports and assistance for organization of major international competitions, the enhancement health education, such as school health and school lunches; and promotion of policies for the sound development of youth.

Director-General for International Affairs

(Functions)

Acting as the Secretariat for the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO, in accordance with the Law Concerning UNESCO Activities, the Director-General for International Affairs is responsible for promoting UNESCO activities. The Office also works on negotiations concerning Free Trade Agreement, Economic Partnership Agreement, and trade in services in World Trade Organization (WTO).

Agency for Cultural Affairs

Commissioner's Secretariat

(Organization)

Policy Planning and Coordination Division
Copyright Division
International Affairs Division

(Functions)

Commissioner's Secretariat is responsible for cultural policy coordination in the Agency as a whole, as well as carrying out general administrative duties including general affairs, accounting, budgeting and auditing. In addition, the Secretariat administrates affairs in copyright system and international cultural exchanges.

Cultural Affairs Department

(Organization)

Arts and Culture Division
Japanese Language Division
Religious Affairs Division

(Functions)

Cultural Affairs Department is responsible for planning, supporting and assisting the cultural organizations in promoting culture, as well as supporting exhibitions, lectures/ guidance and other events regarding cultural promotion. The department also administrates Japanese language affairs and religious juridical persons' affairs.

Cultural Properties Department

(Organization)

Traditional Culture Division
Fine Arts Division
Monuments and Sites Division
Architecture and Other Structures Division

(Functions)

Cultural Properties Department is responsible for formulating integrated policies on preserving and utilizing cultural properties, including affairs of promotion of art galleries and museums and preservation of buried cultural properties.