

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Minister's Secretariat

(Organization)

- Personnel Division
- Policy Planning and Coordination Division
- Budget and Accounts Division
- Policy Evaluation and Public Relations Division
- Information Systems and Welfare Division

(Functions)

The Minister's Secretariat is responsible for overall METI management, including the coordination of main policies, examination of main policies, examination of laws and ordinances, budget formulation, policy assessment, promotion of information disclosure, organizational and personnel management, and overall adjustment of the statistics under the jurisdiction of METI.

Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau

(Organization)

- Economic and Industrial Policy Division
- Macro Economic Affairs Division
- Industrial Structure Policy Division
- Corporate System Division
- Industrial Revitalization Division
- Industrial Finance Division
- Corporate Affairs Division
- Regional Economic and Industrial Policy Division
- Business Environment Promotion Division
- Industrial Facilities Division

(Functions)

Japan's economy and society currently face enormous structural changes, including the IT revolution, inversion of the population pyramid, and economic globalization. Coping with these changes and achieving self-sustaining economic growth requires both appropriate macroeconomic management, conducted in tandem with the development of social and economic systems capable of keeping up with medium-term changes, and enhanced competitiveness on the part of the Japanese economy.

Given these requirements, the Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau promotes structural reform in the Japanese economy, development and improvement of the infrastructure that supports private-sector economic activities, and revitalization of regional economies. As part of its efforts, the bureau conducts surveys to obtain data that are not only useful in social terms, but vital to the planning and implementation of its policies. It also compiles statistics based on these surveys, and analyzes the results.

In short, the mission of the Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau is to constantly examine, and reform the economic and industrial systems required to assure a bright future for Japan.

Trade Policy Bureau

(Organization)

- Trade Policy Division
- International Economic Affairs Division
- Economic Partnership Division
- Americas Division
- Europe Division

Middle East and Africa Division
Asia and Pacific Division
Northeast Asia Division

(Functions)

The advance of economic globalization has strengthened the need for discussion in for a such as the WTO and APEC for the creation of international rules and systems.

At the same time, interest is growing in regional integration (NAFTA, the EU, etc.), a trend which is also evident in Asia.

The Trade Policy Bureau pursues the development of bilateral ties and makes strategic use of international negotiations in developing trade policy integrally linked with economic and industrial policy.

Multilateral Trade System Department

(Functions)

The Multilateral Trade System Department is in charge of promoting and strengthening the multilateral trade system, i.e., WTO, and thus helping achieve national policy goals such as economic growth, by participating in the rule-making process such as New Rounds, and ensuring that other Member countries comply with the WTO rules and disciplines through the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism, transitional review mechanism, etc.

Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau

(Organization)

Trade and Investment Facilitation Division
Trade Finance and Economic Cooperation Division
Financial Cooperation Division
Technical Cooperation Division
Trade Insurance Division

(Functions)

The Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau provides trade and investment information and develops the necessary conditions to stimulate the foreign trade and investment so vital to Japan's economic development in this age of economic globalization.

A more effective economic cooperation framework has also been constructed by bringing METI's various support tools, from yen loans and technical cooperation to trade insurance, under the management of a single bureau

Trade Control Department

(Organization)

Trade Control Policy Division
Trade Licensing Division
Security Export Control Policy Division
Security Export Licensing Division

(Functions)

With trade and exchange control assuming an increasingly important role in, for example, the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the protection of wildlife and the prevention of terrorism, stringent examinations will be undertaken by this Department under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law, etc.

Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau

(Organization)

Industrial Science and Technology Policy Division
Academia-Industry Cooperation Promotion Division

Technology Promotion Division
Research and Development Division
Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Policy Division
Conformity Assessment Division
Measurement and Intellectual Infrastructure Division
Environmental Policy Division
Recycling Promotion Division

(Functions)

The Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau engages in strategic investment in the new technologies which underpin the key industries of the future, institutes the standards supporting international competitiveness, and works to build a sustainable socioeconomy which integrates the economy and the environment.

Manufacturing Industries Bureau

(Organization)

Iron and Steel Division
Nonferrous Metals Division
Chemical Management Policy Division
Chemicals Division
Bio-Industry Division
Housing Industry, Ceramics and Construction Materials Division
Industrial Machinery Division
Automobile Division
Aerospace and Defense Industry Division
Textile and Clothing Division
Paper Industry, Consumer and Recreational Goods Division

(Functions)

The Manufacturing Industries Bureau addresses policy issues with a clear eye on manufacturing realities, focusing on the following:

- Construction of an economic system in harmony with the environment
- Industrialization of biotechnology in response to the rapid advance of gene science
- Development of supersonic cargo planes
- Construction of higher-performance, lower-cost satellites

Support for the traditional crafts and fashion industries, recognizing the richness these bring to people's lives

Commerce and Information Policy Bureau

(Organization)

Information Policy Division
Information Economy Division
Information Services Industry Division
Information and Communication Electronics Division
Service Affairs Policy Division
Creative Industries Division
Healthcare Industries Division
Media and Content Industry Division
Distribution and Logistics Policy Division
Commerce and Consumer Affairs Policy Division
Commerce and Supervisory Division
Product Safety Division

Industrial Safety Division
Electric Power Safety Division
Director, Mine Safety and Explosive Division

(Functions)

The Commerce and Information Policy Bureau works to build an affluent 21st century socioeconomy from the perspective of both individuals and the economy, focusing on the following:

- Promotion of information-based society
- Development of the service and distribution industries
- Consumer protection measures
- Development of advanced information communications technology
- Establishment of e-commerce rules
- Protection of personal information
- Security measures
- Promotion of Healthcare Industries
- Promotion of Creative Industries
- Greater distribution efficiency
- Proper transactions between business and consumer
- Product Safety
- Strict enforcement of consumer law
- Consumer education
- Advice for consumers
- Strengthening system of gathering information related to product accident
- Industrial Safety
- Electric Power Safety
- Mine Safety and Explosive Control

Agency for Natural Resources and Energy

Director-General's Secretariat

(Organization)

General Policy Division
International Affairs Division

(Functions)

Serving as the overall coordinator of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, the Director-General's Secretariat implements comprehensive policies on natural resources and energy, manages overall international cooperation related to these policies, and controls the budget and accounts of the entire agency.

Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Department

(Organization)

Policy Planning Division
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Division
New and Renewable Energy Division

(Functions)

The Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Department promotes efficient use of energy, advances measures to conserve energy, as well as planning and implementing policies with respect to development and use of new and renewable energy.

Natural Resources and Fuel Department

(Organization)

Policy Planning Division
Petroleum and Natural Gas Division
Petroleum Refining and Reserve Division
Petroleum Distribution and Retail Division
Coal Division
Mineral and Natural Resources Division

(Functions)

The Natural Resources and Fuel Department ensures a stable and efficient supply of petroleum, inflammable natural gas, coal, lignite, metals and similar substances; promotes efficient exploration and development of these resources; secures efficient distribution and marketing of petroleum products; and promotes, improves, and coordinates exports and imports, production, distribution and consumption of natural resources.

Electricity and Gas Industry Department

(Organization)

Policy Planning Division
Electricity Market Division
Gas Market Division
Electricity Infrastructure Division
Nuclear Energy Policy Planning Division
Nuclear Facilities Development and Nuclear Fuel Cycle Industry Division

(Functions)

Electricity and Gas Industry Department

The Electricity and Gas Industry Department ensures a stable and efficient supply of electricity, gas and heat, as well as taking charge of matters concerning the development of electric power resources and the use of nuclear energy in electric power generation.

Japan Patent Office

Policy Planning and Coordination Department

(Organization)

Personnel Division
General Coordination Division
Budget and Accounts Division
Policy Planning and Research Division
Information Dissemination and Policy Promotion Division
International Policy Division
International Cooperation Division

(Functions)

The Policy Planning and Coordination Department is in charge of planning and coordination concerning industrial property rights, matters concerning patent attorneys and communications with other countries on industrial property rights, etc.

Trademark and Customer Relations Department

(Organization)

Customer Relations Policy Department
Application Division
Trademark Division

(Functions)

The Trademark and Customer Relations Department is in charge of application and registration of

industrial property rights and examination of trademarks, etc.

Patent and Design Examination Department (Physics, Optics, Social Infrastructure and Design)

(Organization)

Administrative Affairs Division

Design Division

(Functions)

The Patent and Design Examination Department (Physics, Optics, Social Infrastructure and Design) is in charge of examination of inventions and utility models concerning exploitation and processing of agricultural, forestry, livestock breeding and maritime products, construction, nuclear energy, measurements, stationery and daily necessities, and examination of designs.

Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)

(Functions)

The Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology) is in charge of examination of inventions and utility models concerning machinery.

Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

(Functions)

The Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science) is in charge of examination of inventions and utility models concerning chemistry.

Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)

(Functions)

The Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology) is in charge of examination of inventions and utility models concerning electricity and communications.

Trial and Appeal Department

(Organization)

Trial and Appeal Division

(Functions)

The Trial and Appeal Department is in charge of judgements on industrial property rights.

Small and Medium Enterprise Agency

Commissioner's Secretariat

(Functions)

The Commissioner's Secretariat is responsible for policy coordination, public relations, business consultations and organizational administration affairs.

Business Environment Department

(Organization)

Policy Planning Division

Finance Division

Corporate Finance and Tax Affairs Division

Fair Trade Division

(Functions)

The Business Environment Department plans SME basic policies including the examinations of bills and regulations and researches and analyzes SME issues. It is also responsible for establishing measures for SME financing, tax affairs, fair trade issues, international affairs and business stability.

Business Support Department

(Organization)

Business Support Division

New Business Promotion Division

Startup and Technology Division

Retail and Wholesale Commerce Division

(Functions)

The Business Support Department is responsible for business support schemes including the SME consulting system and measures for small & micro-enterprises. Also, it handles SME start-up policy, alliance promotion, technology affairs promotion, and retail and wholesale commerce issues.