

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. It 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.

Department of Facilities Planning and Disaster Prevention

(Organization)

- Policy Division
- Local Facilities Aid Division
- National Facilities Division
- Disaster Prevention and 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 while providing technical guidelines for the promotion of environmentally friendly facilities, barrier-free facilities, etc. It also handles policies for disaster prevention and recovery.

Education Policy Bureau

(Organization)

- Policy Division
- Educational Reform and International Affairs Division
- Analytical Research Planning Division
- Educational Human Resources Policy Division
- Lifelong Learning Promotion Division
- Community Learning Promotion Division
- Gender Equality, Cohesive Society Learning and Safety Division

(Functions)

In order to promote educational reform, the Education Policy Bureau plans and drafts basic policy, and conducts research and analysis on domestic and overseas education. The bureau is also responsible for the fostering of specialized human resources who support education, the promotion of education of Japanese children living overseas, the education for foreign children and pupils and school safety. The bureau also promotes social education and youth education, supports education at 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 the advancement of education at specialized training colleges and miscellaneous schools.

Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau

(Organization)

Policy Division
Financial Affairs Division
School Curriculum Division
Student Affairs Division
Early Childhood Education Division
Special Needs Education Division
Media, Information and Foreign Language Education Division
Textbook Division
Health Education and shokuiku Division
Upper Secondary School 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, upper and lower secondary schools, secondary education schools, compulsory education schools, special schools for children with disability, and kindergartens. It is also responsible for the enhancement of student and career guidance, the free provision and authorization of textbooks, and the bolstering of health educational school lunches. It also promotes education on information and communications technology and foreign languages. Lastly, the bureau is responsible for the system of 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 improvement of public school facilities.

Higher Education Bureau

(Organization)

Policy 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, the conferring of degrees, duties related to student welfare guidance, scholarships, and the promotion of student exchange. To promote private education, the bureau is also responsible for approving the establishment of education corporations guidance and assistance on the management of education corporations, and the provision of assistance for 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 department offers guidance and advice concerning plans for systems and organizational operations connected with private school administration. In order to promote private school education, it grants permission to set up school corporations aids private schools, and carries out 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
- Human Resources 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, 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 cross-field research.

Research Promotion Bureau

(Organization)

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

(Functions)

The Research Promotion Bureau is responsible for promoting academic research originating from researchers' creative ideas and basic research playing a crucial role in the nation's social and economic development through the stimulation of innovation by assisting research organizations and providing research grants. The bureau also promotes research in the fields of life sciences, information technology, nanotechnology and materials, and particle and nuclear physics.

Research and Development Bureau

(Organization)

- 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 earthquake, volcano and disasters-reduction research; ocean and Earth sciences, including Antarctic observation; environmental and energy science and technology; space transportation systems, the International Space Station Program and other research, development and use of space; nuclear energy science and technology such as nuclear fuel cycles and nuclear nonproliferation.

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 agreements, economic partnership agreements, and trade in services in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Japan Sports Agency

(Organization)

- Policy Division
- Sports for Health Division
- Competitive Sports Division
- International Affairs Division
- Olympic and Paralympic Games Division
- Community Development Division
- Sports Organizations Support and Private-Sector Cooperation Division

(Functions)

The Japan Sports Agency strives to promote community sports, enrich school physical education programs, boost international competitiveness, advance the Olympic and Paralympic movement, increase healthy lifestyles through sports, revitalize local communities, expand sports businesses, promote international exchanges and cooperate through sport.

Agency for Cultural Affairs

(Organization)

- Policy Division
- Planning and Coordination Division
- Cultural Economy and International Affairs Division
- Japanese Language Division
- Copyright Division
- Cultural Resources Utilization Division
- First Cultural Properties Division
- Second Cultural Properties Division
- Religious Affairs Division
- Arts and Culture Division
- Culture and Creativity Division

(Functions)

The Japan Agency for Cultural Affairs fosters artists and related persons to nurture artistic activities, promotes regional culture, preserves and utilizes cultural properties such as national treasures and historic sites, and promotes activities of museums, international cultural exchanges, copyright protection and the legal exploitation of works, improvement and spread of the Japanese language, and Japanese language education for foreigners. The Agency is also in charge of matters related to religion.