Towards Dialogue with Society April 20, 2004 The Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

We, Science Council of Japan, recognize that scientific endeavors pursued by scientists cannot sustain the vivacious world unless scientists and a wider society collaborate with mutual awareness and confidence. We also recognize that both positive and negative sides of scientific endeavors, bringing about fruits to be shared and enjoyed by a wider society and causing negative consequences suffered by a wider society need to be clearly understood by both scientists and a wider society.

Thus we believe that it is important for scientists to have dialogue with a wider society, especially with children, who bear the future of mankind, to nurture their science dream.

We, Science Council of Japan, will launch engagement between scientists and a wider society: Firstly, Science Council of Japan will call all scientists to talk about science with a wider society, especially, with children. Secondly, Science Council of Japan itself will launch any feasible actions for development of public awareness and confidence in science.