

## **The First Meeting of the International Advisory Board**

Date/Time: 15:00-16:20, Monday, 7 October 2024

Venue: Conference Room 104, Kyoto International Conference Center

Participants: Sir Mark Walport, Foreign Secretary, The Royal Society, UK (RS)

Dr. Patrick Flandrin, Former President, French Academy of Sciences (FA)

Prof. MITSUISHI Mamoru, President, Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

Prof. HIBIYA Junko, Vice-President, Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

Prof. ISO Hiroyasu, Vice-President, Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

### Discussion Summary:

The progress of the Action Plan of the SCJ during the 26th Term was introduced, with an emphasis on ensuring communication with industry and the timely and speedy preparation of recommendations.

A discussion followed on the range of issues, including the selection of priorities, staffing, the timeframe for recommendation preparation, communication with stakeholders, methods for publishing recommendations, and follow-up after the publication of recommendations.

Regarding communication with stakeholders, both the RS and the FA described efforts in place that are designed to support dialogue with parliamentarians and policy makers. The RS emphasized the importance of public engagement.

The RS suggested that it might be useful to develop a system map for stakeholder communication.

Domestic issues in Japan impacting the development of science and technology were also discussed, including the falling number of PhDs, and the existence of health food issues challenging public trust in science (such as the red yeast rice scandal).



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