



## FIRST INTERNATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION

### **Abstract**

#### **Industrial Policy in the 21st century; From Technology to the Market**

Historically, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) has been conducting a number of research and development projects in the Nanotechnology arena since 1980s, even before the Nanotech became popular term. Those projects included “Conductive Polymer,” “Ultimate Manipulation of Atoms and Molecules” or “Quantum Functional Devices.” METI is focusing its policy on helping technological innovations from laboratories go to the market as new products. For this purpose, METI encouraged industries to organize Nanotech Business Creation Initiative, an association to commercialize Nanotechnology, and supports its activities. METI has also set up study groups for standardization and for the risk of Nanotech.