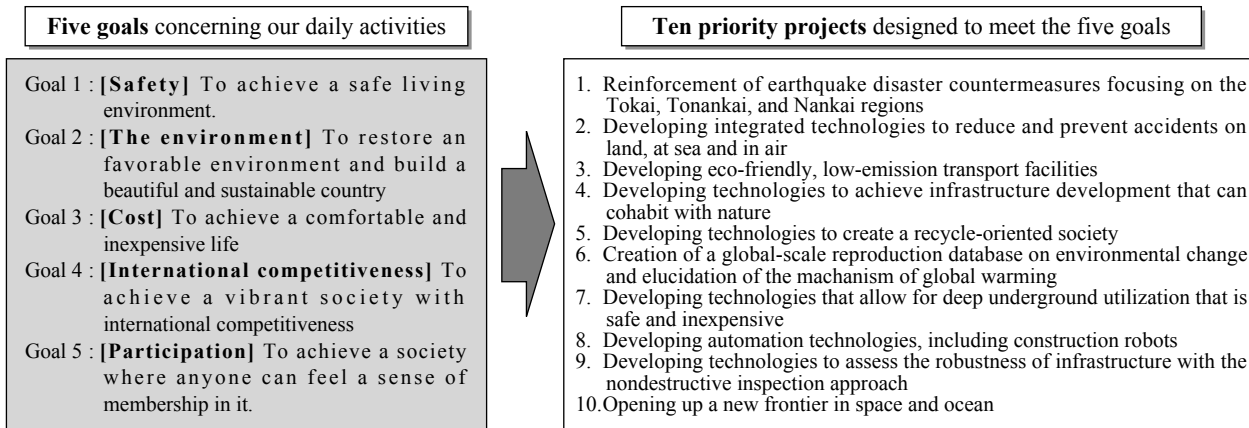


Chapter 11: Technical R&D Supporting Japan in the 21st Century

[Promoting technical R&D]

Based on its basic plan on technical R&D, MLIT is promoting cross-sectoral and integrated R&D of technologies in close partnership with the ministries and agencies concerned, universities, independent administrative institutions, and the private sector. The ministry is also promoting the use of technologies thus developed in public works projects and in construction and public transport sectors.

Gist of the MLIT technology basic plan



[Improving construction management skills]

MLIT is working to improve its cost estimation skills in public works projects and apply ISO management systems. For more efficient infrastructure development, the ministry is also working to upgrade construction mechanization, as well as developing and promoting machinery and construction technologies that are eco-friendly, safe and easy to operate.