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"Public-Private Linkage in Biomedical Research in Japan: Lessons from the Experiences in the 1990's"

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■ Summary

To promote public-private linkage in scientific research through policy initiatives, it is essential for policy makers to understand the mechanism for producing, transmitting, and utilizing scientific knowledge between private and public sectors. However, institutional and organizational features of public-private linkage appear to differ from one country to another. Indeed, Japanese innovation system is quite distinct from other advanced countries in many respects. This paper explores salient institutional characteristics which are likely to affect rate and direction of public-private linkage in Japan. In particular, we would like to present policy challenge distilled from the experience in the 1990s in view of (i) public funding scheme, (ii) Japanese pro-patent policy for the public sector, and (iii) mobility of researchers across private and public sectors.

■ Biography

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