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## **Japan's Experience in Implementing CBD- ABS for Genetic Resources**

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## **Scope of Presentation**

- 1. Implementation of CBD-ABS in Japan**
- 2. What is Partnership ?**

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- A **nonprofit organization** dedicated to the promotion of bioscience, biotechnology and bioindustry.
- Created by the concerted support of **industry, academia and government in 1942.**
- **Members** : 213 **companies** from diversified sectors, 89 **public institutes** and ca. 900 **individuals** from academia and industry.

## **1. Implementation of CBD-ABS in Japan**

## **Role of JBA in Implementing ABS**

- **ABS National Focal Point:**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- **ABS Competent National Authorities:**  
**Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)**  
**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**



**JBA : Entrusted by METI to implement ABS**

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## **Implementation of CBD-ABS**

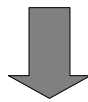
### **The Bonn Guidelines on ABS:**

**METI-JBA carried out awareness-raising activities in Japan throughout 2002 and 2003.**

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## Lessons Learned

**“Providing Practical Tools is as important as providing Principles” for ABS.**



**“We should develop more target-specific and reader-friendly Guidelines”**

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## Intended Target of Japan's GL

**Industry & Academia  
as Users of GR and TK**

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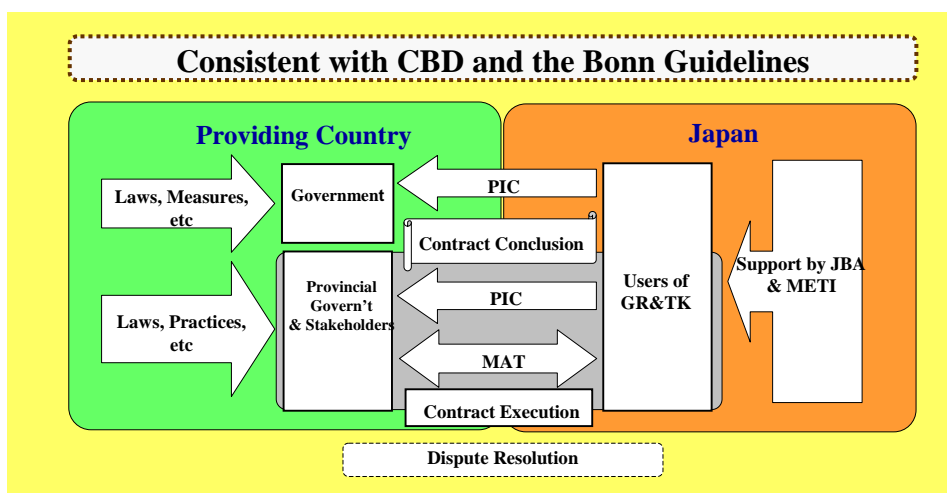
**METI-JBA jointly developed**

**The Guidelines on ABS  
for Users in Japan  
(user measure)**

**& published on 1 April 2005**

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**Structure of  
the Guidelines on ABS for Users in Japan**



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## METI-JBA's Support for Users

- 1) Information Service (<http://mabs.jp/>)**  
**Website for information on ABS-related laws & regulation of providing countries**



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Japanese 11

## METI-JBA's Support for Users (Cont'd)

- 2) ABS Help Desk**  
**Free-of-charge consultation for users on confidential basis**



Japanese

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## **METI-JBA's Support for Users (Cont'd)**

### **3) Fact-finding Missions to Potential Partner Countries** to understand their laws and regulatory procedures

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## **METI-JBA's Support for Users (Cont'd)**

### **4) Bilateral Workshops for Information Exchange**

conducted with the following countries:

**Australia, Bhutan,  
China, India, Indonesia,  
Malaysia, Mongolia,  
Myanmar, Nepal,  
New Zealand, Singapore,  
Thailand, and Vietnam.**



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## **2. What is Partnership ?**

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### **National Situations are Different in Different Countries:**

- **History, Language, Culture, Religion, etc**
- **Domestic Needs**
- **National policy**
- **Regulatory system, etc**

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**Mutual Understanding**  
is an essential basis  
for development of partnership

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## **Steps in Partnership Development**

- 1) Understand each other's situation.**
- 2) Jointly develop practical and effective procedure for collaboration.**
- 3) Help each other to overcome risks and to generate benefits.**
- 4) Share the benefits in a fair and equitable manner.**

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***Thank you***