

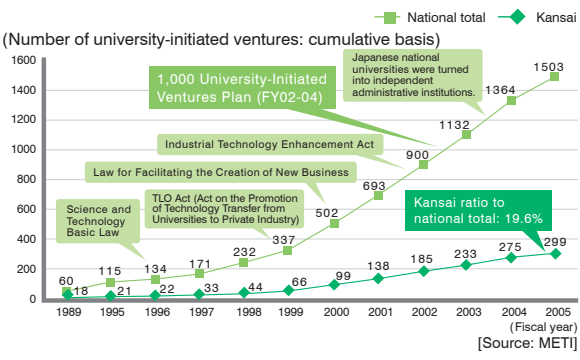


**Industry-academia collaboration**

# Draw on the innovative capacity of universities, research institutions and companies!

We support new business creation by promoting “collaboration and joint innovation” among industry, academia and government.

With the aim of revitalizing the Kansai regional economy through industry-academia-government “collaboration and joint innovation,” we vigorously encourage collaboration between universities/technical colleges/research institutions, which serve as “knowledge creation bases,” and industry, which “creates new businesses” by using knowledge created at educational and research institutions. We implement various support programs to strengthen collaboration between universities and public testing/research organizations in the Kansai region, and to help university-initiated ventures start and grow.



- Changes in number of university-initiated ventures
- Total number of university-initiated ventures in Japan, as of the end of 2005: 1,503
- Number of university-initiated ventures in the Kansai region: 299 (approx. 20% of the national total)



■ Guidebook Guide to Industry-Academia Collaboration



■ Guidebook Guide to Public Testing/Research Organizations/National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

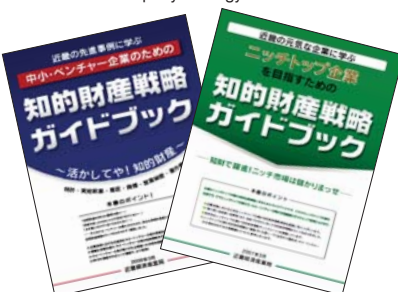
**Intellectual property**

# Intellectual property is a source of competitiveness for companies.

We support the creation/protection/use of intellectual property of SMEs and venture companies.

Intellectual property, such as patents and trademarks, is an important management resource for companies, and it is extremely important for companies to strategically create, protect and use their intellectual property in a manner integrated with their business strategies and R&D strategies. To help SMEs and venture companies implement strategic intellectual property management, we have established, ahead of other regions, the Kansai Intellectual Property Strategic Program Promotion Network, and have been implementing various programs and activities in cooperation with local governments and other related organizations. Such programs/activities include holding seminars on intellectual property for SMEs and venture companies, internship programs on intellectual property management, and fairs for promoting patent licensing.

■ Intellectual Property Strategy Guidebooks



■ General meeting of Kansai Intellectual Property Strategic Program Promotion Network



■ Invention Day Commemoration Event in FY2007



■ Intellectual Property Matching Fair 2006