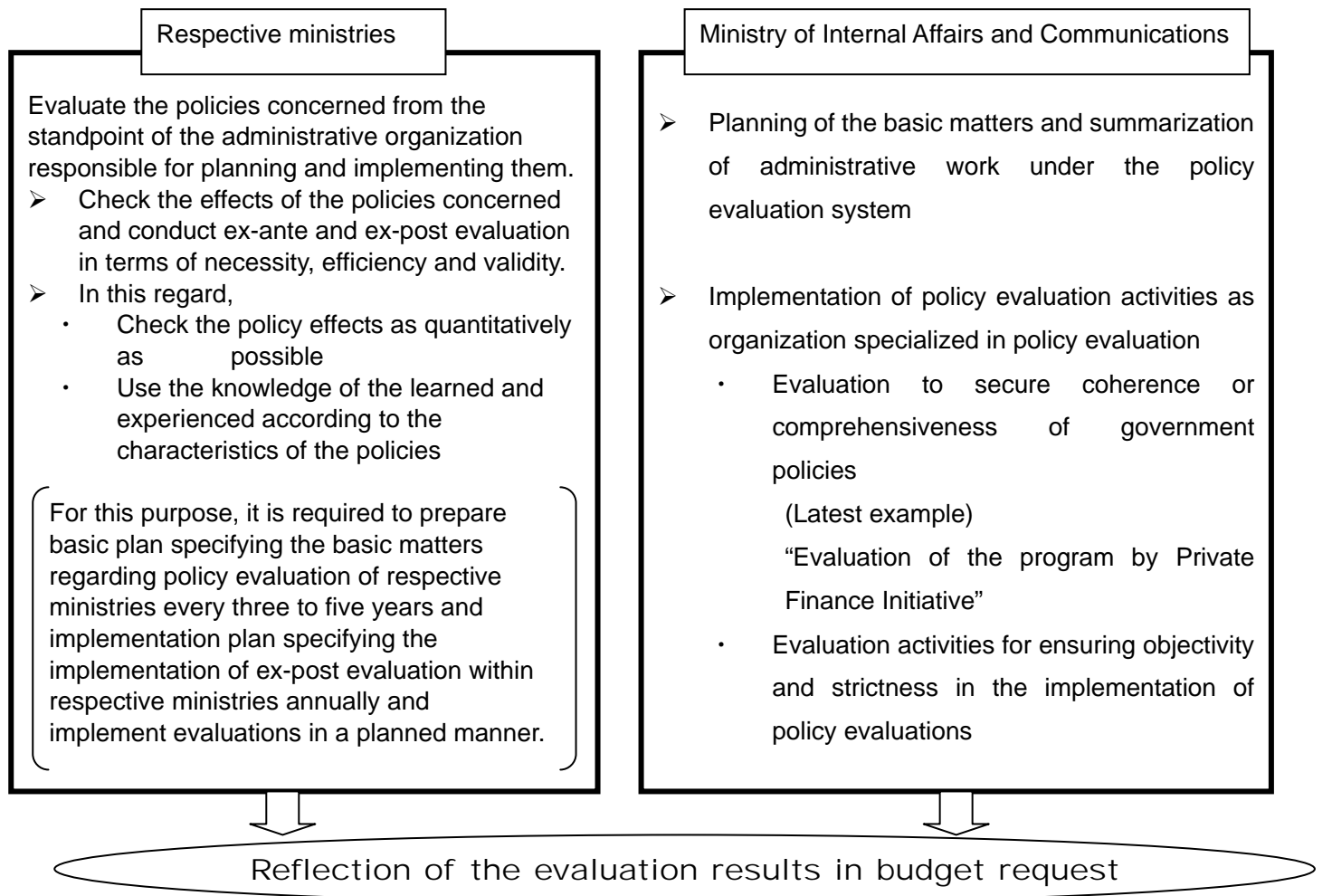


## What is “policy evaluation”?

Policy evaluation is conducted for checking the effects of the policies of respective ministries and for evaluating the policies in terms of necessity, efficiency, validity, etc. to improve the planning and implementation process. For this purpose, the Government Policy Evaluations Act has been enforced since April 2002.

Objectives of conducting policy evaluations are following:

1. Realization of efficient and high quality public administration focusing on the citizens
2. Shift to performance-based public administration from the viewpoint of the citizens; and
3. Thorough accountability to the citizens



### Recent major efforts and trends

#### **1. Legal report to the Diet regarding the status of implementing policy evaluation and reflecting the results in policymaking (June 8, 2007)**

The total number of policy evaluations conducted by respective ministries was 3,940. All the results were reflected in policymaking.

#### **2. Situation of reflection of the results of policy evaluation in budget request for fiscal 2008 (October 17, 2007)**

Among 1,010 cases of policy evaluations conducted by respective ministries, 958 cases were reflected in budget requests for FY2008 (94.9%)

#### **3 Policy evaluation forum (In December, 2006, held in Sendai, Takamatsu)**

These forums were held for open discussion where well-informed persons from various fields gather and debate from wide and different perspectives in order to vitalize the nation-wide discussion on the policy evaluation system

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