Policy Evaluation in Japan

Problems and Solutions in six years period

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Characteristics of Japanese Policy Evaluation System

- Self-evaluation
- All government personnel involved
- Accepted as a valid part of government business
Merits

- Accepted as the norm by all personnel
- Introduction of strategic thinking
- Transparent administrative process
Issues to be addressed

- Management-related issues
- Concentration on important policies (Focusing)
  → Recent trends
Issue 1

Management-related

- It is difficult to understand the relationship between the internal organization and the work carried out within each of the ministries.

  * work hours  * type of work
Issue 2

Focusing

- With reference to the policies and schedules published by Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy
- Ministries to re-organize and prioritize policies so that they are easy to understand
  (based on factors including the budget size, number of staff, and minister’s focus)
Figure 1

- Indifferent
- Attentive
- Active