




Policy Evaluation in Japan

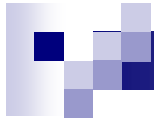
Problems and Solutions
in six years period

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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)



Figure1

