

Medical Innovation as a National Strategy

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Establishment of Office of Healthcare Policy

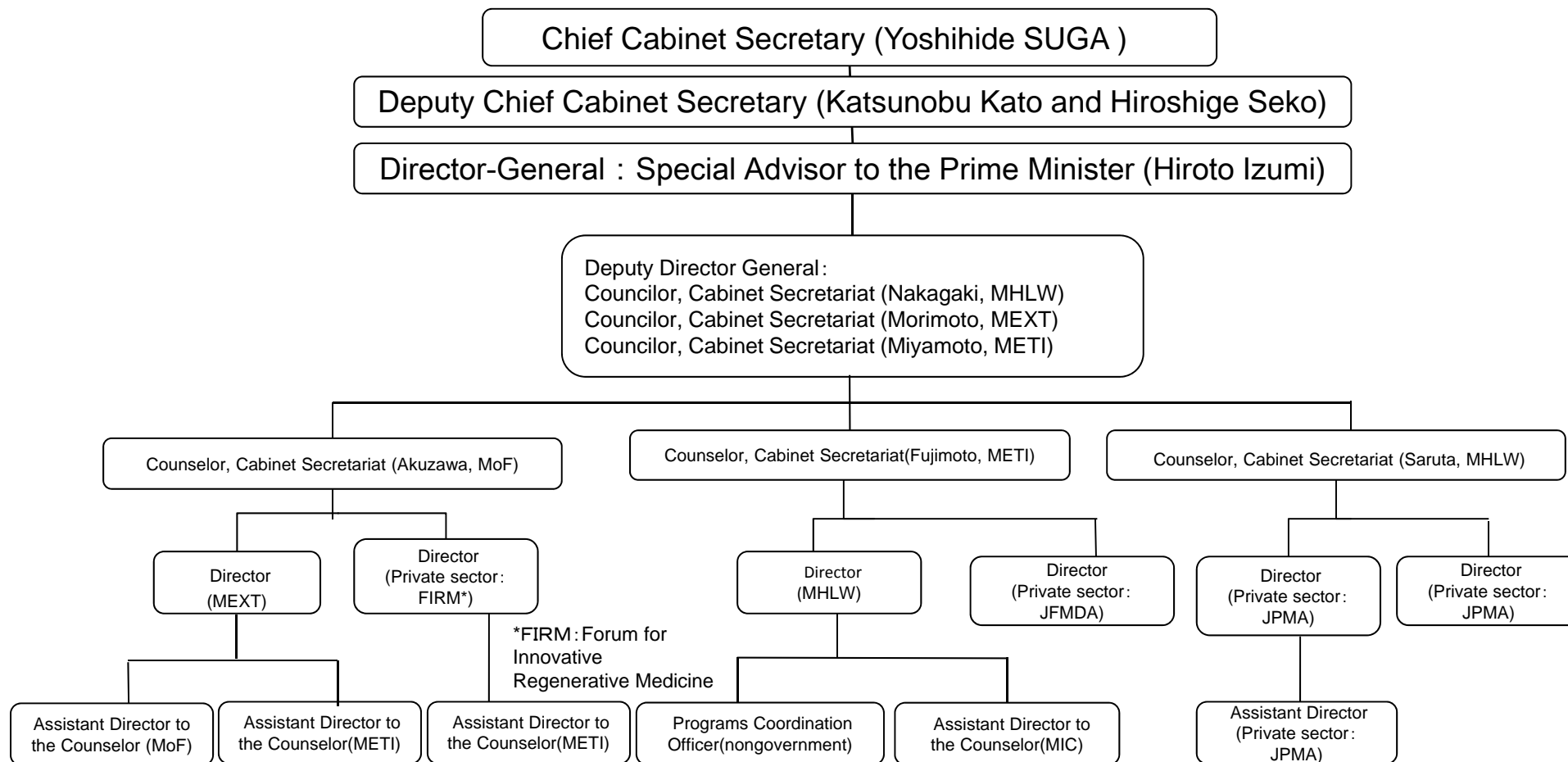
On February 22, 2013, the government established an Office of Healthcare Policy within the Cabinet Secretariat as part of concerted Government efforts to implement a growth strategy for Japan.

The office aims to establish Japan as a nation that boasts of the most advanced medical technologies and healthcare services in the world, which is expected to result in Japan being the country with the longest healthy life expectancy.

Given these achievements, the Office also aims to develop the medical sector, pharmaceutical products and medical devices and equipment as strategic industries that will form a key pillar for Japan's economic revitalization.

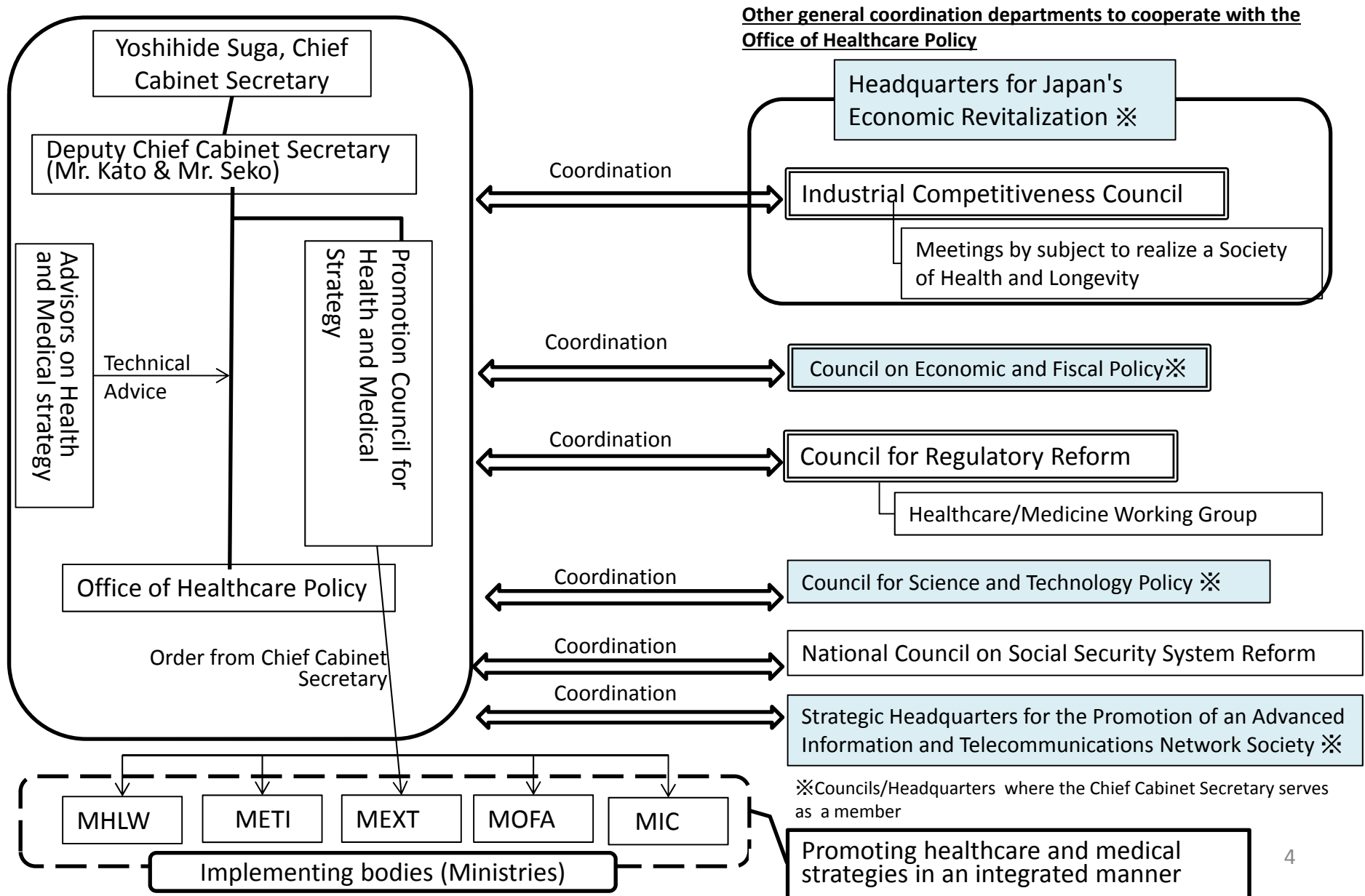
Structure of the Office for Healthcare Policy

As of March 18, 2013

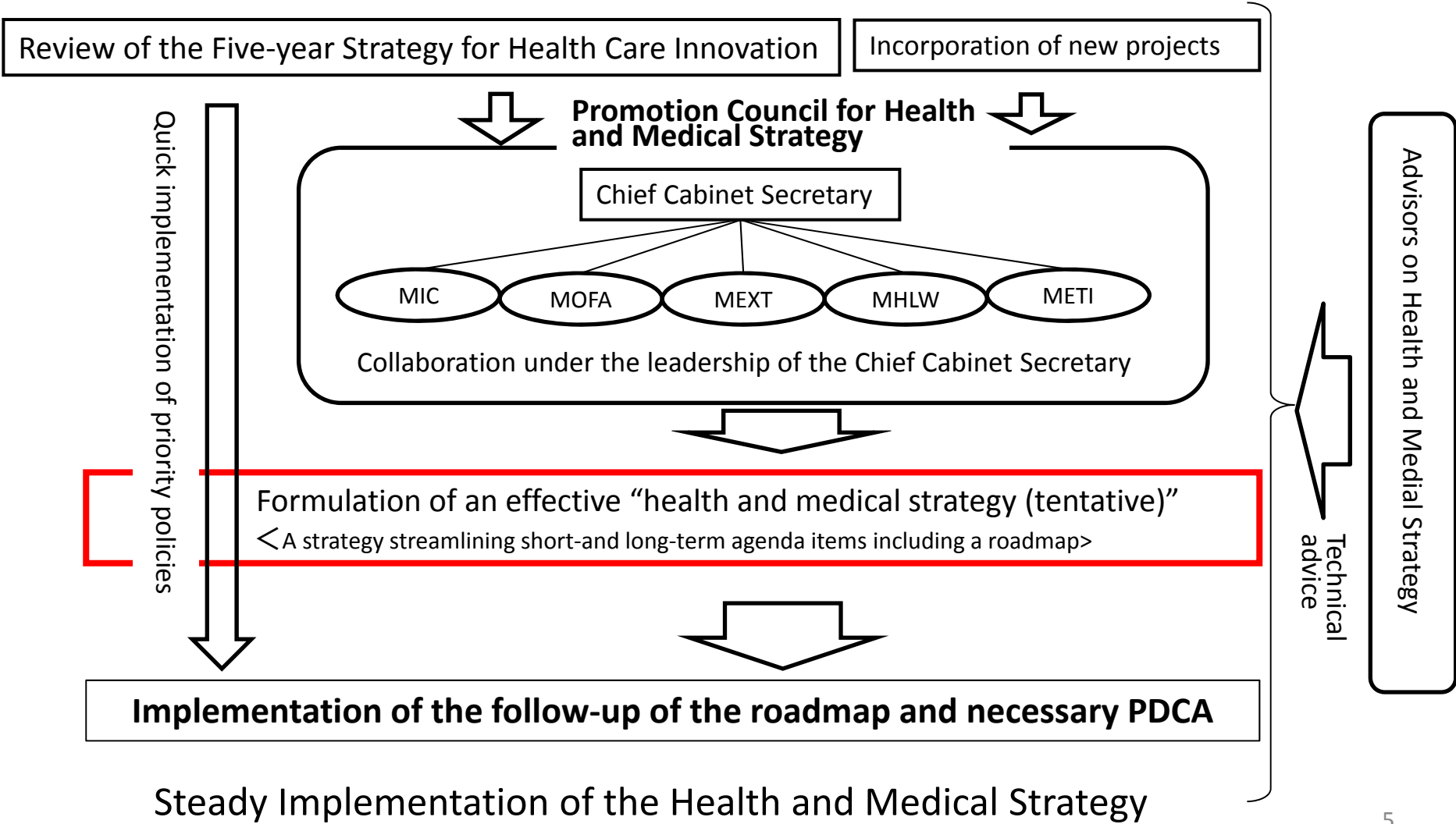


Under the direct control of Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga and headed by Special Advisor to Prime Minister Hiroto Izumi, the Office has a dynamic cross-governmental implementation structure comprised of deputy director general-level officials from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Coordination between Office of Healthcare Policy and other departments



Work of the Office of Healthcare Policy for the Present



Advisors on Health and Medical Strategy

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Chief Executive of Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA)

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Honorary chairman of Japan Hospital Association
Representative director of Japan Hospital Cooperative, Inc.

Basic Ideas of the Health and Medical Strategy (Tentative)

- To establish a dynamic, healthy and long-lived society, while securing social welfare and fiscal sustainability
- To demonstrate to the world a Japan that gets over the ultra-aging society as an advanced problem-solving country
- To activate medicine-related industries and contribute to Japan's economic growth

Toward the Betterment of the Health and Medical Strategy (tentative)

(Possible Agenda Items)

1. Development and practical use of medical drugs and equipment, and further promotion of cutting-edge medical science including tissue engineering
2. Assistance for commercialization of new products and services
3. Establishment of rules and regulations to cope with next-generation medical science
4. Promotion of overseas deployment of medical services
5. Establishment of effective preventive measures, and the creation of an industry for expanded healthspan