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- The Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) have conducted a survey of current policies and initiatives at the national and institutional levels which promote international researcher mobility.
- The survey was intended to provide a broad overview and to look at typical or distinctive examples in the context of a summary of general trends.
- The result of the national survey indicates that current efforts by countries can be roughly classified into the following four categories:
 - (1) Support for incoming and outgoing researchers;
 - (2) Support for the return and reintegration, and networking of overseas researchers;
 - (3) Promotion and international publicity and marketing of higher education and R&D; and
 - (4) Support for initiatives that focus on immigration.
- In surveying initiatives to improve international researcher mobility at the institutional level, we focused on the following five aspects:
 - (1) Provision of fellowships and grants by the university itself;
 - (2) Research and education exchanges among multiple universities via institutional alliances and consortia;
 - (3) International strategic plans developed for the university as a whole and arrangements for implementing international activities on campus; and
 - (4) Establishment of overseas research facilities and efforts to attract overseas research institutes to set up on campus.
 - (5) Social and cultural support for overseas researchers (e.g., housing, provisions for family, language support, etc)
- In analyzing the efforts, there is an undeniable development that involves regional (e.g., European) initiatives to improve international researcher mobility.
- The multi-layered co-existence of initiatives on a regional level, on a national level, and on an institutional level has generated synergistic effects in encouraging further efforts by countries throughout the world.