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Australia

Low-emissions Coal Technology Links with China

The Australia Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering is inviting researchers in Australia and China to apply for funding to investigate low-emissions coal technology. The Australia-China Joint Coordination Group on

Clean Coal Technology was established in 2007 to enhance the mutually beneficial development, application and transfer of low emissions coal technology between Australia and China.

<http://www.atse.org.au/Documents/Publications/Media%20Releases/JCG%20Fund%20%20media%20release%204%20March%202013.pdf>

Japan

New Lineup of the Council for Science and Technology Policy (CSTP) Members

Seven new non-cabinet CSTP members were named on March 1. Of these new members, three have background in industry and four are from academia. The current administration expects CSTP to have more power in handling S&T budget and providing advice to the Prime Minister. CSTP will establish a comprehensive S&T innovation strategy by June 2013 that contributes to the current administration's growth strategy.

[\(a summary translation of the CSTP websites and relevant materials\)](#)

New Zealand

NZ Superdiversity Presents Unprecedented Language Challenges and Opportunities

There are 160 different languages spoken in New Zealand. The Royal Society of New Zealand released a paper on languages that brings together research on the role that languages play in international, national, social and personal development in New Zealand.

<http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/2013/03/05/new-zealand-superdiversity-presents-unprecedented-language-challenges-and-opportunities/>

Doing More with Less

Sir Peter Gluckman, Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister, describes strategic priorities in a small advanced economy. Small countries are not simply scaled-down versions of large countries; they have to think differently about policy issues such as fiscal policy and other macroeconomic settings.

<http://www.pmcsa.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/13-03-04-Defining-strategic-priorities-in-a-small-advanced-economy.pdf>

Thailand

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Signs MoA with Colorado State University

Colorado State University signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the AIT to enable cooperation in the field of bioprocess engineering and bioprocessing. The MoA also enables the exchange of students, faculty and researchers.

<http://www.ait.ac.th/news-and-events/2013/news/ait-signs-moa-with-colorado-state-university/>