Japan METI AI Guidelines for Business

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Summary

Joint METI + MIC issuance consolidating prior AI Utilization Guidelines (2019) + AI R&D Principles (2017) into a single business-facing framework. Voluntary; explicitly aligned with G7 Hiroshima AI Process Code of Conduct + OECD AI Principles. Ten core principles spanning fair competition, accountability, transparency, education, AI safety. Companion of the Hiroshima AI Process Reporting Framework Japan operationalises; reflects Japan's preferred soft-law posture vs. the EU AIA's prescriptive model. Currency (2026-06-21): METI + MIC published AI Guidelines for Business Version 1.1 on 2025-03-28 (after interim v1.01 on 2024-11-22), adding guidance on RAG, AI agents, code-generation tools and multimodal-AI risks while keeping the voluntary soft-law structure; Japan also enacted its first AI statute, the promotion-focused AI Promotion Act (in force 2025-06-04), which sits alongside — and does not displace — these guidelines.

At a glance

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