

6. Policy on Science, Technology, Research and Innovation

6.1 Promote and support royal projects on basic and comparative scientific and technological studies for commercial usage and industrial development; expedite research and develop technology vital to improving the quality of life and future heavy industries such as technology for disabled persons, space technology, alternative energy technology, and technology for national security.

6.2 Expedite the production of skilled personnel in the area of science and technology to respond to the demands of manufacturing sector by developing career paths and have enough research institutions such as Centre for Small and Medium Enterprise, Centre of Excellence and Science Park to back up the personnel.

6.3 Reform national research system by establishing funds through public and private sectors, with 50 per cent state holding, and providing low interest loans for participating private sector; allocate more budget for national research; improve basic research quality and comprehensive research and development which increases economic return, income, employment and value-adding, through projects with tangible outcomes such as medicine, chemical products, medical equipment and agricultural products by linking private sector, research institutions, universities and state enterprise network.