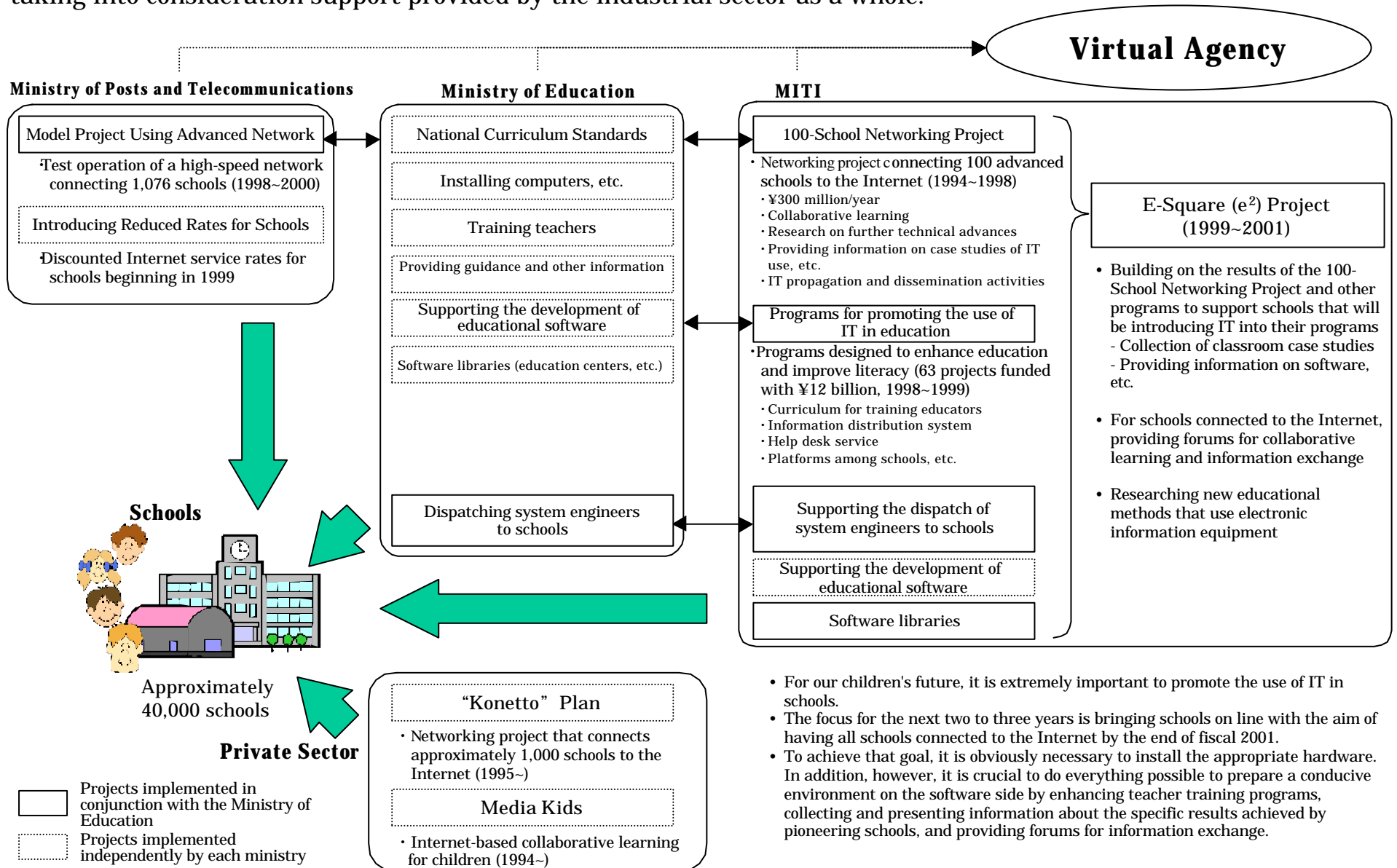


Overview of Information Technology in Education

Japan's Efforts Related to Disseminating IT in Education

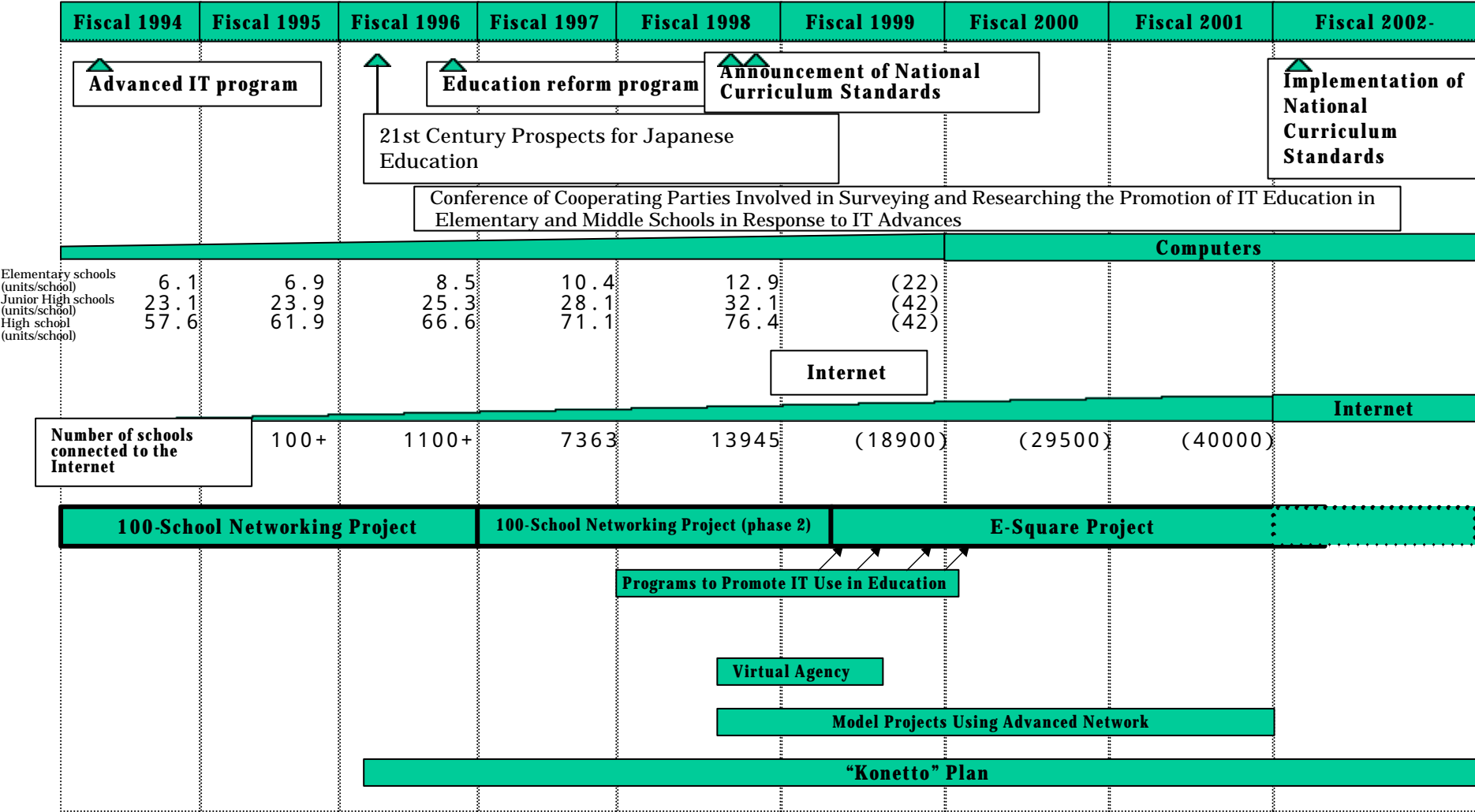
MITI has supported school education primarily from the perspective of IT utilization. The importance of schools as a training ground to prepare students for their role in society is widely recognized. MITI will continue its efforts while taking into consideration support provided by the industrial sector as a whole.




- For our children's future, it is extremely important to promote the use of IT in schools.
- The focus for the next two to three years is bringing schools on line with the aim of having all schools connected to the Internet by the end of fiscal 2001.
- To achieve that goal, it is obviously necessary to install the appropriate hardware. In addition, however, it is crucial to do everything possible to prepare a conducive environment on the software side by enhancing teacher training programs, collecting and presenting information about the specific results achieved by pioneering schools, and providing forums for information exchange.

Overview of the Introduction of IT in Education

- The Internet was first introduced in Japan's educational system in 1994 through the 100-School Networking Project. Development has been rapid since then, with even further dissemination expected in the future.




MITI's Challenges

 **100-schools networking Project**
(1994 ~ 1996)
Evaluation of Effectiveness and Possibility

MITI provide IT
Products, Network,
Coordination

From evaluation to application

 **100-schools networking Project**
(1997 ~ 1998)
Global, Community,
Advanced Technology

Coordination

For 100 schools
↓
For all schools

E-Square
(1999-)



School Network Support Project
Advanced IT Application Program

Learning Web Project
(1998-1999)

Over 1000 schools
are Connected to
the Internet

Emerging issues are to train teachers and to make many educational software

