



ILD Meeting in Oshu - Welcome -

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The conclusion of the report included:

- The Committee suggests that the government of Japan should (1) secure the budget required for the investigation of various issues to determine the possibility of hosting the ILC, and (2) conduct intensive studies and discussions among stakeholders, including authorities from outside high-energy physics as well as the government bodies involved for the next two to three years.
- In parallel, it is necessary to have discussions with the research institutes and the responsible funding authorities of key countries and regions involved outside of Japan, and to obtain clear understanding of the expected sharing of the financial burden.

These recommendations creates a chicken and egg situation.



- MEXT has requested \$0.5M for investigatory study which was approved on Dec 24, 2013.
 - Will be doubled next year (i.e. ~ \$1M)

- An expert committee was established under MEXT
 - 13 members (could increase)
 - A few particle physicists included
 - No 'ILC proponents'
 - Report to be completed by FY2015 (i.e. end of March 2016)
 - Kickoff meeting held on May 8, 2014
 - Next meeting: Nov 14, 2014

Japanese government is waiting for a positive report which requires positive results from international talks, which requires Japan to make a definitive move.