## Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to Hitachi's technology management and its main components, research and development (R&D) and intellectual property (IP rights and brand). The reporting period is FY2007, from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. The report also contains data from calendar year 2007, as well as measures that have been in practice before FY2007, and new organizational structures and measures that are planned for FY2008