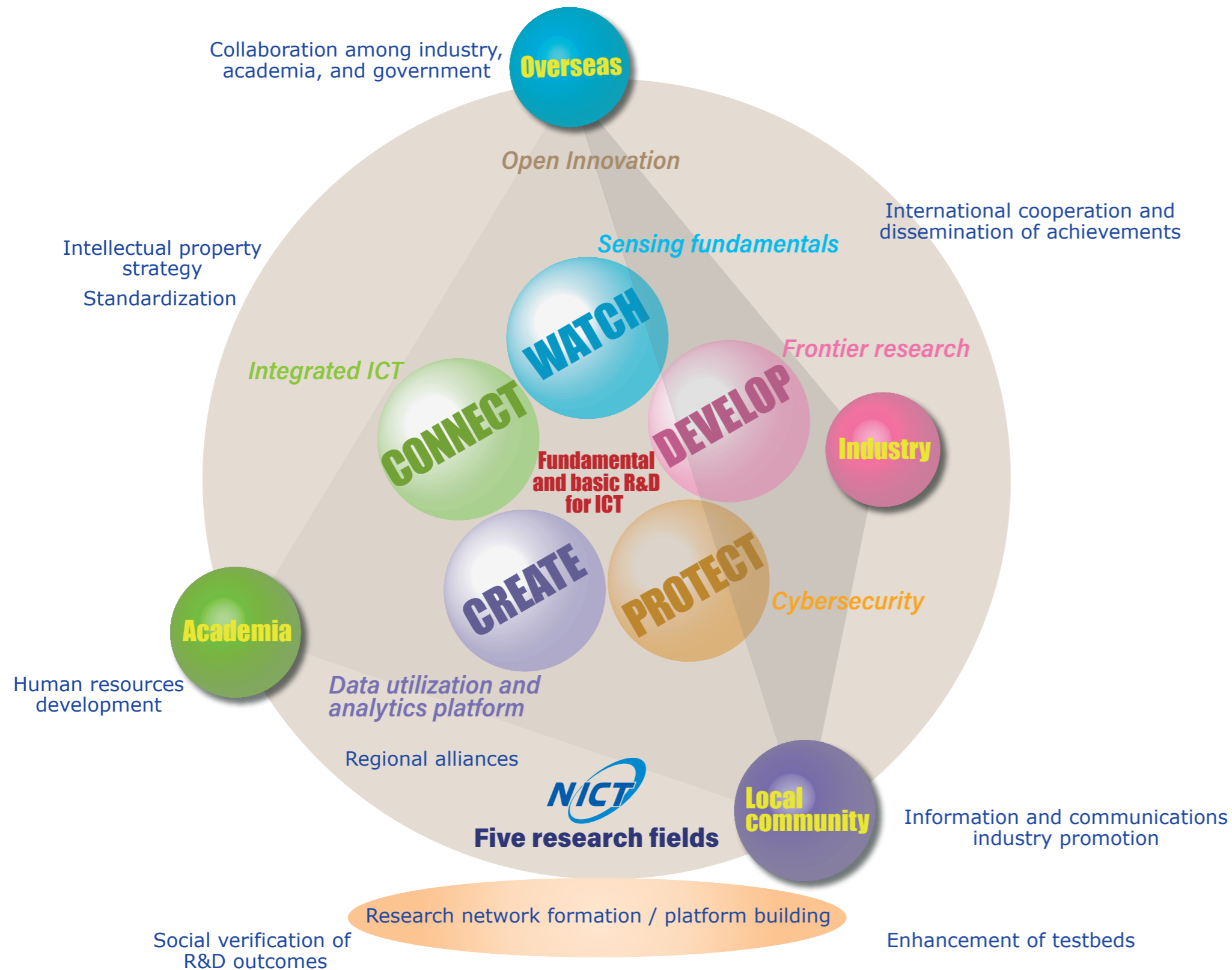


Pioneering Future Society with Cutting-Edge ICT



In order to demonstrate its potential fully in the new paradigm, in the Fourth Medium- to Long-Term Plan that started from April 2016, we are devoting ourselves to tackling the world's leading edge fundamental and basic R&D for ICT, based on these five foundations:

- "Watch" the real world through ICT
- "Connect" society through wireless and optical communications technologies
- "Create" new value through data utilization, etc.
- "Protect" society from sophisticated and complicated cyber attacks
- "Develop" new horizons of information and communications,

In addition, improving the quality of research and development, in order to more effectively implement our achievements to society, it is essential to build a system of collaboration among industry, universities, local governments, and research institutions at home and abroad. NICT, as a hub for open innovation in the field of ICT, will comprehensively promote broad range of efforts, in close cooperation with relevant parties, from the basic and fundamental research and development to support for new business activities, and will continue to contribute to the realization of a new social system.

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