

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, GREEN DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM OF MONGOLIA
ON
ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia (hereinafter referred to individually as "side" and collectively as "both sides")

DESIRING to strengthen the existing friendly relations between Japan and Mongolia;

CONSIDERING their common interest in promotion of cooperation for sustainable development;

NOTING the importance of conservation and improvement of the environment for present and future generations;

RECOGNIZING that the effective environmental protection requires global cooperation and coordination efforts and that such activities should be carried out at the regional, national and local levels;

TAKING NOTE of the principles of the cooperation, which are: equitability, alignment, harmonization, management for results, and mutual accountability (all of which are indicated on the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness); and

PURSUANT to the laws and regulations in their respective countries;

HAVE reached the following recognition:

PARAGRAPH I
PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "MOC") is to strengthen, facilitate, and develop mutual cooperation in the pursuit of environmental protection and improvement.

PARAGRAPH II
AREAS OF COOPERATION

Both sides decided to further continue cooperation in the following:

Cooperative activities may be decided in the areas pertaining to environmental protection and improvement:

1. Climate change mitigation and adaptation:
 - a) Supporting initiatives related to the National Adaptation Plan of Mongolia (NAPM), highlighting cooperation for climate change impact assessment;
 - b) Reducing vulnerabilities and risks via Early Detection System;
 - c) Supporting project implementation and studies for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and sharing the experiences related to the "Project of Establishment of Sustainable National GHG Inventory System through Capacity Building for GHG Inventory" project;
 - d) Supporting capacity building for the JCM and its Secretariat as well as for climate change response measures;
2. Protected area management and eco-tourism;
3. Nature conservation:
 - a) Combating desertification;
 - b) Conservation of flora and fauna;
4. Water pollution control;
5. Air pollution control; and
6. Other areas of environmental protection and improvement as may be mutually decided upon.

PARAGRAPH III FORMS OF COOPERATION

Both sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through the applicable forms, and to the extent of available resources, including:

1. Promoting dialogue and partnership;
2. Exchanging information and expertise;
3. Carrying out feasibility studies;
4. Organizing symposia, seminars, conferences, meetings, educational trainings and workshops; and
5. All other activities (to be mutually decided upon).

PARAGRAPH IV OPERATION ARRANGEMENT

To assure effective operation of activities under this MOC, both sides will appoint a Focal Point Office. The Focal Point Office will act as representatives of each side in all matters concerning this MOC. For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Focal Point Office will be the International Cooperation Office, Global Environment Bureau. For the Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia, the Focal Point Office will be the Division of International Cooperation. Moreover, both sides will review the status of progress and achievements of the cooperation at the appropriate occasions such as the Japan-Mongolia Environmental Policy Dialogue.

PARAGRAPH V INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT

Any intellectual property resulted from the operation of the cooperation, under this MOC will be exercised in line with the laws and regulations of both countries.

**PARAGRAPH VI
CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Each side will observe the confidentiality of documents, information and other data received from or supplied to the other side during the period of cooperative activities under this MOC.
2. This paragraph will not impede the laws and regulations of both countries.
3. Neither side will disclose confidential information received from the other side under this MOC, without the prior written consent of the other side.

**PARAGRAPH VII
SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS**

If any problems arise throughout the duration of the cooperation under this MOC, they will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between both sides.

**PARAGRAPH VIII
MODIFICATION**

This MOC may be reviewed or modified at any time through mutual written consent by both sides.

**PARAGRAPH IX
COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature.
2. This MOC will continue for a period of three (3) years and may be extended by mutual consent of both sides.
3. Termination at any time by either side must be made by written notification at least six (6) months in advance to the actual termination date.
 - a. Termination of the cooperation under this MOC will not affect any on-going projects or activities under this MOC.

Signed in duplicate at Ulaanbaatar on 4 May 2015 in the English language.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE
ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN**

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