

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, JAPAN  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT,  
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION**

The Ministry of the Environment, Japan and The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "both sides");

DESIRING to strengthen the existing friendly relations between both sides;

CONSIDERING their common interest in promoting cooperation for sustainable development;

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

RECOGNIZING that the effective protection of the environment requires global cooperation and coordination, efforts, and those activities to protect the environment should be carried out at the regional, national and local levels; and

PURSUANT to the laws and regulations in their respective countries,

HAVE reached the following recognitions:

**PARAGRAPH I  
OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "this MOC") is to strengthen, facilitate and develop mutual cooperation in the field of environment, reaffirming the importance of the actions towards the swift and successful implementation of the Paris Agreement, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**PARAGRAPH II**  
**AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Cooperative activity may be decided from mutually confirmed areas pertaining to environmental protection and climate change responses as listed below:

1. Mitigation and Adaptation on Climate Change;
2. Waste Management;
3. Environmentally Sustainable Cities;
4. Water Pollution;
5. Air Pollution;
6. Environmental Protection for Chemical Activity;
7. Environmental Technology;
8. MRV
9. Low carbon technology
10. Biodiversity Conservation; and
11. Other areas of environmental protection and improvement as may be confirmed by both sides.

**PARAGRAPH III**  
**FORMS OF COOPERATION**

Both sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through appropriate forms, to the extent of resources prepared by both sides, including:

1. Holding policy dialogue on a regular basis;
2. Exchanging information and expertise including training;
3. Policy analysis;
4. Carrying out feasibility studies; and
5. Other forms to be mutually decided upon.

**PARAGRAPH IV**  
**FOCAL POINT**

To assure effective operation of activities under this MOC, both sides will appoint Focal Point, which will act as representative of each side in all matters concerning this MOC. For the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, the Focal Point will be the International Cooperation Office, Global Environment Bureau. For the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Focal Point will be the Department of International Cooperation.

**PARAGRAPH V  
DETAILED DOCUMENTS**

In order to facilitate the activities under this MOC, detailed documents, which show the interest and priority of each side, may be made covering detailed specification in the respective areas and other appropriate matters including, if deemed necessary, the financial arrangement of programs and projects.

**PARAGRAPH VI  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT**

Any intellectual property resulted from the operation of activities under this MOC will be exercised in line with the laws and regulations of the respective countries. Neither side can use the deliverable without the prior permission of the responsible department of each country in writing.

**PARAGRAPH VII  
CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Each side will observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from or supplied to the other side during the period of the operation of activities under this MOC.
2. This paragraph will not prejudice the prevailing laws and regulations of the respective 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 VIII  
RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS**

Any problem arising from the operation of activities under this MOC will be resolved amicably through consultation or negotiation between both sides.

**PARAGRAPH IX  
MODIFICATION**

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

**PARAGRAPH X  
COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND DISCONTINUATION**

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature.
2. The cooperation under this MOC will continue for a period of 3 (three) years and may be extended by mutual consent of both sides or discontinued at any time by either side by giving written notification at least 6 (six) months prior to the date of the intended discontinuation.
3. The discontinuation of the cooperation under this MOC will not affect the duration of any on-going project or activity until the completion of such project or activity.

The foregoing represents the recognition reached between both sides on the matter referred to in this MOC.

Signed in Hanoi, on 14 December 2016 , in duplicate as a non-legally binding document in the English language.

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

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, THE  
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