

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT OF**  
**THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**  
**ON**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION**

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Kingdom of Thailand (hereafter 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;

REAFFIRMING the importance of actions towards the swift and successful implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

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

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

PURSUANT to the laws and regulations of their respective countries;

HAVE reached the following recognitions:

**PARAGRAPH I**  
**OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereafter referred to as “MOC”) is to strengthen, facilitate and develop mutual cooperation in the field of environment. This MOC is not a treaty and does not create any rights or obligations under international law.

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

Cooperative activities may be decided from mutually confirmed areas pertaining to environmental protection and improvement as listed below:

1. Mitigation and adaptation to climate change;
2. Waste management;
3. Environmental technology;
4. Policy and planning on natural resources and environment;
5. Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity including natural resources relevant to both sides;
6. Pollution prevention and quality control (e.g. air and water pollution);
7. Marine and coastal management;
8. Multilateral agreement on environment;
9. Other areas of environmental protection and improvement as may be confirmed by both sides.

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

1. Both sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through appropriate forms, to the extent of resources available to both sides, including:
  - a. Promoting dialogue and partnership;
  - b. Exchanging information, knowledge experience, best practices, and expertise;
  - c. Encouraging research institutes of both sides to jointly conduct research projects;

- d. Technology transfer, capacity building including organizing symposiums, seminars, conferences, workshops, trainings and study visits; and
  - e. Other forms of cooperation to be mutually decided upon.
2. All forms of cooperation under this MOC will not use or utilize genetic resources from either side nor involve information on genetic resources from either side.

**PARAGRAPH IV  
FOCAL POINT**

To assure effective operation of activities under this MOC, both sides will appoint the following executing agencies as the Focal Point for all matters concerning the implementation of this MOC as follows:

- a. For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Focal Point will be the International Cooperation and Sustainable Infrastructure Office, Global Environment Bureau.
- b. For the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Focal Point will be the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Foreign Affairs Division.

**PARAGRAPH V  
IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS**

To facilitate the implementation of this MOC, technical arrangements covering detailed specifications of programs and projects, as well as other appropriate matters including, if deemed necessary, financial arrangements may be included.

**PARAGRAPH VI  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Any intellectual property rights resulting from the operation of activities under this MOC will be exercised in line with the laws and regulations of their respective country and will be further elaborated in separate arrangements.

**PARAGRAPH VII**  
**CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Each side will observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from or supplied by the other side during the period of the implementation of this MOC or any other arrangements made pursuant to this MOC.
2. This paragraph will not prejudice the prevailing laws and regulations of both sides.
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**  
**SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES**

Any dispute or difference arising from the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this MOC will be resolved amicably through consultation or negotiation between both sides, and will not be referred to any third party for settlement.

**PARAGRAPH IX**  
**SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

Both sides will ensure that any personnel engaged in the activities and/or programs under this MOC do not interfere in internal political activities or commercial ventures or other activities outside the aims of this MOC.

**PARAGRAPH X**  
**MODIFICATION**

This MOC may be reviewed or modified at any time through mutual written consent by both sides. Such modification will be reflected to the MOC on such date as determined by both sides.

**PARAGRAPHXI**  
**COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature.
2. The cooperation will continue for a period of five (5) years and may be extended by mutual written consent of both sides or terminated at any time by either side by giving a written notification at least six (6) months prior to the date of the intended termination.
3. The termination of the cooperation will not affect the duration of any on-going project or activity until the completion of such project or activity, unless both sides decide otherwise.

Signed in Tokyo, Japan, on 17 May 2018, in duplicate, in the English language.

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

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT  
OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**

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