

**Joint Statement by Minister for the Environment of Japan and
Minister for Environment and Green Development of Mongolia on
Environmental Cooperation, Climate Change and
the Joint Crediting Mechanism**

1. On 6 December 2012, Mr. Hiroyuki Nagahama, Minister for the Environment of Japan and Ms. Sanjaasuren Oyun, Minister for Environment and Green Development of Mongolia met in Doha, the State of Qatar and exchanged views on Environmental Cooperation, Climate Change and the Joint Crediting Mechanism during the 18th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP18) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
2. The two Ministers affirmed that these issues are important to address in the context of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia on Environmental Cooperation signed on 8 December 2011 at Durban, Republic of South Africa.
3. The two Ministers reaffirmed the urgent necessity of maintaining and conserving the environment and resolving the climate change issues. They reiterated their intentions to cooperate constructively for the successful outcome of the COP18 to the UNFCCC in the State of Qatar.
4. The two Ministers noted the outcome of 7th Environment Policy Dialogue between Japan and Mongolia on 20 November 2012 and welcomed the progress of the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation. They also affirmed to promote environmental cooperation under the Memorandum of Cooperation.

5. The two Ministers confirmed mutual recognition on starting operation of the Joint Crediting Mechanism by early 2013 and affirmed that both sides will concur on the bilateral document as soon as possible.

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