

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND
ENVIRONMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
ON
ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

On 14 November 2022 , the Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates (hereinafter referred to singularly as a “side” and collectively as “both sides”),

Have reached the following recognition:

PARAGRAPH 1

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereafter referred to as "this MOC") is to promote bilateral cooperation between both sides in the field of environment.

PARAGRAPH 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

Both sides seek opportunities to cooperate in the areas of environmental protection and management as listed below:

1. Climate Change;
2. Air Quality Management;
3. Waste Management;
4. Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity; and
5. Any other areas in the field of the environmental protection and management as may be confirmed by both sides.

PARAGRAPH 3

FORMS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation between both sides in the areas identified in paragraph 2 may take the following forms:

1. Holding dialogue on a regular basis to report the progress of work including but not limited to face-to-face meeting;
2. Exchanging information, knowledge experience, best practices and expertise;
3. Organizing seminars, meetings, trainings and workshops; and
4. Any other forms of cooperation to be mutually decided upon.

PARAGRAPH 4

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Both sides will make their best efforts to promote the joint implementation of cooperative projects and activities in the areas of cooperation stated in paragraph 2.
2. Both sides will endeavour to involve and collaborate with strategic partners as appropriate, including but not limited to, government and non-government agencies, research institutions and private companies.
3. The implementation of this MOC will be jointly decided by both sides.

PARAGRAPH 5

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:

1. For the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates, the Partnerships and Special Projects.
2. For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Office of Director for International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure, Global Environment Bureau.

PARAGRAPH 6

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.
2. This paragraph will not prejudice the prevailing laws and regulations of the two 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 7

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

Any dispute arising from or relating to this MOC will be amicably resolved by both sides through mutual consultations.

PARAGRAPH 8

OTHER COMMITMENTS

Nothing in this MOC will affect the obligations of each side under international and/or domestic laws.

PARAGRAPH 9

COMMENCEMENT, DURATION, MODIFICATION AND DISCONTINUATION

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature and continue for a period of five (5) years and may be extended by mutual written consent of both sides.
2. Either side may discontinue this MOC upon providing a written notification at least six (6) months prior to the date of the intended discontinuation.
3. The discontinuation of this MOC will not affect any on-going activity and/or work programme implemented under this MOC unless mutually determined by both sides.
4. This MOC can be modified by mutual written consent of both sides and according to the procedures adopted by both sides.

PARAGRAPH 10

INDEPENDENCE

This MOC does not entail any legal obligation that conflict with the domestic laws and regulations of the two countries. Both sides retain their legal, regulatory and financial autonomy.

Signed on 14 November 2022, in duplicate in Japanese, English and Arabic languages, all texts having equal value.

In case of any divergence in the interpretation of the texts, the English text will prevail.

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