

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

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to individually as “side” and collectively 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, coordination and efforts, and that 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 in mutually confirmed areas pertaining to environmental protection and climate change responses as listed below:

1. Climate change: mitigation and adaptation; measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV); decarbonizing technologies;
2. Environment: waste management including e-waste and circular economy; marine litter and plastic pollution; water and air pollution; environmental technologies; environmental protection from chemical pollution; environmental impact assessment;
3. Environmentally sustainable cities;

4. Biodiversity conservation; and
5. 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 through training activities;
3. Conducting 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 a representative of each side in all matters concerning this MOC. For the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Focal Point will be the Department of International Cooperation. For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Focal Point will be the Office of Director for International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure, Global Environment Bureau.

**PARAGRAPH V
DETAILED DOCUMENTS**

In order to facilitate the activities under this MOC, a set of detailed documents, which show the interest and priority of each side, may be developed 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**

1. Any intellectual property rights resulting from the implementation of activities under this MOC will be exercised in line with the laws and regulations of the respective countries.
2. Neither side can use any intellectual property right without the prior permission of the other side 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 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 written 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, unless both sides decide otherwise. The foregoing represents the recognition reached between both sides on the matter referred to in this MOC.

Signed in duplicate at Ha Noi, on 12 January 2024 as a non-legally binding document in the English language.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF
THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN

FOR THE MINISTRY OF
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

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