

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");

RECOGNIZING the mutually beneficial cooperation between both sides under the 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 Environment Cooperation Signed on 17 May 2018 which has discontinued on 17 May 2023;

DESIRING to strengthen the existing friendly relations between both sides and pursue further cooperation in the field of environment;

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, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework 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; In line with the laws and regulations of their respective countries;

HAVE reached the following recognition:

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 (e.g. plastic waste, waste from electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE));
3. Environmental and pollution management 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 management (e.g. air pollution, water pollution, emergency response, noise and vibration);
7. Groundwater management;
8. Wetlands conservation, rehabilitation and management;
9. Marine and coastal management;
10. Environmental law, regulation and measures; and
11. 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, key of success, and expertise;
 - c. Encouraging both sides to jointly conduct research projects and collaboration project (e.g. pollution management);
 - d. Arranging symposium, seminars, conferences, workshops, trainings and study visit;
 - e. Strengthening technology transfer and capacity building; and
 - f. 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 Office of Director for International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure, Global Environment Bureau.
- b. For the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Focal Point will be the 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 if necessary.

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 in line with 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 notice of the other side.

PARAGRAPH VIII
SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

Any dispute or difference arising from the interpretation or implementation of the items 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**

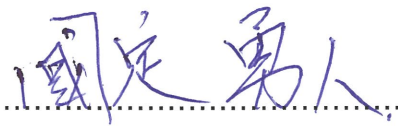
This MOC may be reviewed or modified at any time through mutual written consent by both sides. Such modification will come into operation on such date as determined by both sides and will form an integral part of this MOC.

**PARAGRAPH XI
DURATION AND DISCONTINUATION**

1. This MOC will commence on the date of its signature by both sides and will continue for a period of five (5) years.
2. This MOC will be automatically extended for successive periods of five (5) years, unless either side notifies the other side in writing of its intention to terminate this MOC at least six (6) months prior to the date of discontinuation.
3. This MOC can be modified upon mutual consent in writing by both sides.
4. The termination of this 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 Bangkok, Thailand on 9 July 2024, in duplicate, in the English language.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE
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