

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
IN THE FIELD OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION**

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to jointly as the Participants' and individually as a 'Participant');

Taking into consideration shared concerns for the environment and shared interest of both sides in conservation for the well-being of current and future generations;

Recognising the need for effective measures to protect and conserve the environment;

Acknowledging the importance of cooperation between the Participants to enhance sustainable development;

Desiring to promote a closer cooperation between the Participants for the protection and conservation of the environment;

Reaffirming the importance of the action towards the swift and successful implementation of multilateral environmental agreements including the Paris Agreement, and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

Recognising the different national circumstances of the Participants;

Have reached the following cooperation:

## **PARAGRAPH I**

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “MOC”) is to promote greater cooperation between the Participants on matters relating to the environment, on a basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

## **PARAGRAPH II**

### **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

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

- a) Pollution control (air, soil and water);
- b) Chemical treatment;
- c) Waste management including integrated solid waste management through environmentally sustainable cities, hazardous substance management;
- d) Coastal and marine eco-system;
- e) Environmental technologies;
- f) Climate change excluding issues related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement such as Carbon Markets;
- g) Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity consistent with objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity including OECMs (Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures);
- h) Wastewater management; and
- i) Other areas related to environmental protection as mutually decided upon.

The Participants will carry out activities outlined in the above, in line with available resources, and in accordance with their national laws and obligations under international agreements to which both countries are Parties.

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

Cooperation, communication, exchange of knowledge and continued collaboration between the Participants under this MOC may be implemented through:

- a) Regular dialogue at the level of senior officials;
- b) Visit by experts and scholars;
- c) Jointly organised seminars, workshops and meetings inviting experts, scientists, government agencies and business;
- d) Capacity building;
- e) Online forums and other virtual tools;
- f) Implementation of joint projects; and
- g) Other forms of cooperation as mutually decided upon.

**PARAGRAPH IV**  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Each Party will ensure appropriate protection of Intellectual Property Rights generated from cooperation pursuant to this MOC which is consistent with their respective domestic laws, rules and regulations and international agreements to which both countries are Parties.

The Participants will endeavour to ensure an equitable apportionment of intellectual property rights arising from cooperative activities under this MOC. The use of name, logo and/or official emblem of the Participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of the Participants. The Participants will not assign any rights and obligations arising out of the Intellectual Property Rights generated by inventions/activities carried out under this MOC to any third party without consent of the other Participant.

Participants will not use the information and document identified by the participants as confidential for purposes other than specified without the prior written consent of

the other Participant. The Participants confirm that this MOC and the disclosure of the confidential information do not grant or imply any license, interest or right to the recipient in respect to any intellectual property right of the other Participant. Unpublished information, which is oral, in writing or otherwise, discovered or conceived by the scientists or technicians and exchanged under the matters of this MOC will not be transmitted to a third party, unless otherwise mutually decided by the Participants in writing.

#### **PARAGRAPH V**

#### **INDIA-JAPAN JOINT WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT**

An India-Japan Joint Working Group on Environment (hereinafter referred to as 'the Working Group') will be set up for the coordination and implementation of this MOC.

The Working Group will convene at intervals decided upon by the Participants. The composition of the Working Group and the procedures that it will follow will be mutually decided by the Participants. Each Participant will bear its own costs and expenses arising from the implementation of this MOC.

Regular India-Japan high level environmental policy dialogues on priority areas will be organised to ensure that the Participants continue to work together to strengthen engagement on policies of priority areas and share related experiences. The conditions to apply to these policy dialogues will be developed through discussion and document between the Participants.

#### **PARAGRAPH VI**

#### **FOCAL POINTS**

To ensure effective operation of activities under this MOC, the Participants will appoint Focal Points, which will act as representatives of each Participant in all matters concerning this MOC. 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. For the Ministry of Environment,

Forest and Climate Change of the Republic of India, the Focal Point will be International Cooperation Division. The activities under this MOC will be conducted on the basis of a plan of action, formulated for a period of five years.

#### **PARAGRAPH VII**

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Each Participant will observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from or supplied to the other Participant 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 Participant will disclose confidential information received from the other side under this MOC, without the prior written consent of the other Participant.
4. All information and documents identified by the Participants as confidential which are exchanged pursuant to this MOC will be kept confidential by the Participants and will be used in line with such conditions as each Participant may specify.
5. All confidential information will remain the exclusive property of the disclosing Participant.

#### **PARAGRAPH VIII**

#### **SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES**

Any difference arising out of the interpretation, implementation or application of this MOC will be settled amicably by negotiation and consultation between the Participants.

#### **PARAGRAPH IX**

#### **MODIFICATION**

This MOC may be modified by mutual consent of the Participants in writing.

**PARAGRAPH X**  
**COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND DISCONTINUATION**

The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature by the Participants. It will remain in operation for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it may be renewed for similar periods, as decided in writing through mutual written consent of the Participants.

Either Participant may discontinue the cooperation under this MOC by giving written notice of discontinuation to the other Participant six (6) months prior to the intended date of discontinuation. The discontinuation will not affect the completion of contracts/projects formulated on the basis of this MOC, which have not been completed on the date of the discontinuation, unless the Participants mutually decide otherwise.

Signed in Tokyo on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, in two originals in the English language.

**For**  
**The Ministry of the Environment**  
**of Japan**

**For**  
**The Ministry of Environment,**  
**Forest and Climate Change**  
**of the Republic of India**

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