

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN
AND THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
ON ENVIRONMENT**

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Environment of the Kingdom of Cambodia, (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 effort, and that those activities to protect the environment should be carried out at the regional, national and local levels;

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 activities may be decided in mutually confirmed areas pertaining to environmental protection and climate change responses as listed below:

1. Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change;

2. Circular Economy including Waste Management and Resource Circulation such as for Plastics;
3. Environmental Technology;
4. Pollution prevention, reduction and quality control (e.g. air and water including plastic pollution); and
5. Biodiversity Conservation (e.g. Nature Conservation and natural resource management).
6. Other areas as mutually decided upon.

Paragraph III

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 the Environment of Japan, the Focal Point will be Director for International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure of Global Environment Bureau. For the Ministry of Environment of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Focal Point will be Director General of the General Directorate of Policy and Strategy.

Paragraph IV

Forms of Implementation and Cooperation

Both sides will be encouraged and facilitate cooperation through appropriate forms, to the extent of resources prepared by both sides, including:

1. Holding dialogue meetings;
2. Exchanging information knowledge experience, best practice and expertise;
3. Conducting training;
4. Encouraging research projects, analysis and pilot projects; and
5. Other forms of implementation and cooperation to be mutually decided upon.

Paragraph V

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 documents if necessary.

Paragraph VI
CONFIDENTIALITY

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 documents made in line with this MOC.

This paragraph will not prejudice the prevailing laws and regulations of both Sides.

Neither Side will disclose confidential information received from the other Side under this MOC, without the prior written notice to the other Side.

Paragraph VII
Modification

This MOC may be modified at any time through mutual written consent of both sides. Such modifications will commence in line with the matter on commencement under Paragraph IX hereof and will be an integral part of this MOC.

Paragraph VIII
Difference Settlement

In case of any differences regarding the interpretation or application of the matters of this MOC, both sides will resolve and settle amicably by consultations.

Paragraph IX
Commencement, Duration, Discontinuation and other matters

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 or discontinued at any time by a Participant by giving a written notification, at least six (6) months prior to the date of the intended discontinuation.

The discontinuation of the cooperation will not affect the duration of any ongoing projects or activities until the completion of such projects or activities, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

This MOC will not affect any legal rights and obligations under domestic and international law.

Signed on 16 February 2026 in duplicate, in the English language.

<p>For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>For the Ministry of Environment of the Kingdom of Cambodia</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>ISHIHARA Hirotaka Minister of the Environment</p>	<p>EANG Sophalleth Minister of Environment</p>