

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to individually as the “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”);

REAFFIRMING the strong and longstanding friendship and cooperation between the Participants;

CONSIDERING their common interest in promoting cooperation for sustainable development;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of conservation and improvement of the environment for present and future generations;

REAFFIRMING the importance of the actions towards the swift and successful implementation of the Paris Agreement, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

RECOGNIZING that the effective protection of the environment requires global cooperation, coordination and efforts, and those activities to protect the environment should be carried out at the international, regional, national and local levels;

ACKNOWLEDGING the strong cooperation between the Participants at regional and international platforms, including at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-Japan platform, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and through other multilateral environment cooperation.

PURSUANT to the laws and regulations in their respective countries;

Have reached the following recognition:

PARAGRAPH I OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as this “MoC”) is to promote bilateral cooperation between the Participants and their agencies in the areas of environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development.

PARAGRAPH II AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Participants seek to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- b. air quality management;
- c. solid waste management;
- d. noise management;
- e. water quality management;
- f. land remediation;
- g. environmental remediation after a nuclear accident;
- h. emerging environmental contaminants;
- i. international and regional environmental issues of mutual interest; and
- j. any other areas as may be jointly decided upon by the Participants in writing.

PARAGRAPH III FORMS OF COOPERATION

1. Cooperation between the Participants in the areas identified at Paragraph II may take the following forms:

- a. exchanging relevant information, expertise and best practices;
- b. exchanging key personnel through training, exchange of visits, attachments,

institutional twinning activities and other means as appropriate;

- c. encouraging partnerships between private companies and government authorities through the joint implementation of demonstration projects; and
- d. promoting the sharing of best practices through jointly organized environmental events and seminars.

2. The Participants will endeavor to encourage environment-related agencies, organizations, private companies, local authorities and research and academic institutions in Japan and Singapore to establish and develop direct contact with each other to explore possible areas of collaboration. The Participants will not be responsible for any agreements or arrangements between or among these entities.

PARAGRAPH IV FOCAL POINT

Both Participants will each appoint a Focal Point for the purpose of implementing this MoC. For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Focal Point will be the Office for International Environmental Cooperation, Global Environment Bureau. For the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment of the Republic of Singapore, the Focal Point will be the International Policy Division.

PARAGRAPH V IMPLEMENTATION

1. The implementation of this MoC will be jointly decided by the Participants and is dependent upon the availability of resources and personnel. The Participants will mutually determine arrangements, in writing, for the implementation of specific activities and projects under this MoC including the arrangements for funding, allocation of resources and of personnel, treatment and use of intellectual property arising from and generated pursuant to the specific activities or projects, and other appropriate matters.

2. The title to, and intellectual property rights in, or in relation to, any material supplied by one Participant to the other Participant pursuant to this MoC will remain exclusively vested with the Participant supplying the material and such title and rights will be respected and protected by the Participant receiving the material at all times, notwithstanding the expiration or discontinuation of this MoC.

3. Each Participant will observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents and information received from or supplied by the other Participant at all times, notwithstanding the

expiration or discontinuation of this MoC.

PARAGRAPH VI RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES

Any difference arising from or relating to this MoC shall be amicably resolved by the Participants through mutual consultations, without references to any third party or international tribunal.

PARAGRAPH VII STATUS OF THE MEMORANDUM

1. Nothing in this MoC will affect the rights and obligations of each Participant under any treaties, conventions, or bilateral, regional or international agreements that the Participants are party to.
2. This MoC does not, and is not intended to, constitute or create any legally enforceable rights or binding obligations for either Participant under domestic or international law, and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally enforceable rights or binding obligations for either Participants, whether expressed or implied.

PARAGRAPH VIII MODIFICATION

1. Either Participant may request in writing a modification of all or any part of this MoC.
2. Any modification to the MoC will be mutually decided by the Participants in writing and will form an integral part of this MoC.
3. Such modification to the MoC will take effect on such date as may be determined by the Participants in writing.
4. Any modification to the MoC will not prejudice any decision made by the Participants arising from or based on this MoC before, or up to, the date of such modification.

PARAGRAPH IX COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND DISCONTINUATION

1. This MoC will commence on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for a

period of five (5) years.

2. Upon its commencement, this MoC will replace the *Memorandum of Cooperation on Environmental Matters between the Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources of the Republic of Singapore* signed in Tokyo on the 20th day of June 2017.

3. Either Participant may discontinue this MoC upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice prior to the date of the intended discontinuation.

4. The discontinuation or expiration of this MoC will not affect the contents, existence, validity, implementation, or duration of any ongoing activities and/or work programmes implemented pursuant to this MoC unless mutually determined otherwise by the Participants.

SIGNED in duplicate in Tokyo on the 24th day of September 2026 in the English language.

For the Ministry of the Environment of
Japan

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Environment of the Republic of Singapore

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