MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT OF
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to individually as a “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 functions and roles of both sides, the laws and regulations in their respective countries and the treaties to which each country is a member,
HAVE reached the following recognition:

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); low-carbon and decarbonization technologies; carbon markets, including the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;
2. Management of municipal solid waste, electronic waste and other industrial waste to promote a circular economy;
3. Control of water and air pollution, marine litter and plastic pollution;
4. Environmental technologies, including environmental remediation, response to environmental incidents, and the development of environmental monitoring and early warning systems;
5. Environmental protection planning and environmental impact assessment;
6. Environmentally sustainable cities;
7. Biodiversity conservation; invasive alien species management; protected area management and Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs); community-based natural resource management; access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing arising from their utilization (ABS); biosafety; and
8. 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;
5. Technical cooperation, technology transfer and capacity building; and
6. Other forms to be mutually decided upon.

PARAGRAPH IV
FOCAL POINT

To assure effective operation of activities under this MOC, both sides will appoint a 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 the Office of Director for International Cooperation for Transition to Decarbonization and Sustainable Infrastructure, Global Environment Bureau. For the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Focal Point will be the Department of International Cooperation.

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 upon mutual consensus between both sides and in accordance with the national laws and regulations of each side.

PARAGRAPH VI
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

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 and the treaties to which each country is a member.
2. Neither side can use any intellectual property rights 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 DIFFERENCES

Any differences arising from the operation of activities under this MOC will be resolved amicably through consultation or negotiation between both sides.

PARAGRAPH IX
MODIFICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENT

This MOC may be modified or supplemented with mutual written consent of both sides. The modifications and supplements will form an integral part of this MOC. Other issues which are not described in this MOC will be determined through consultation between 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 5 (five) 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.
4. Upon the commencement of this MOC, the 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 signed on 12 January 2024 will be discontinued.

This MOC is signed and implemented in accordance with each side's national laws and regulations, international treaties to which each side's country is a member.

This MOC is not legally binding and does not create, alter or discontinue the rights and obligations of Japan and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam under international law.

The foregoing represents the recognition reached between both sides on the matter referred to in this MOC.

Signed in duplicate at Tokyo, on 06 November 2026 in the English language.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN	**FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM**
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