

**MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
ENVIRONMENT
between
MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN
and
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter referred to individually as “side” and collectively as “both sides”);

WILLING to further strengthen the friendly relations and the strategic partnership between both sides;

DESIRING to strengthen the existing friendly relations between both sides;

CONSIDERING to further develop cooperation on environmental protection and nature conservation;

CONVINCED to act in pursuance of goals of sustainable development;

RECOGNIZING the importance of cooperative efforts to promote the environmentally better management of natural resources as part of sustainable development;

DETERMINED to promote closer and long-term cooperation in the field of environment and deepening on cooperation interaction;

PURSUANT to the laws and regulations in their respective countries;

HAVE reached the following recognitions:

PARAGRAPH - I
OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this Memorandum on 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
INTERPRETATION

This MOC describes general measures to be taken in order to further cooperation between both sides.

PARAGRAPH - III
SCOPE OF COOPERATION

Scope of cooperation will consist of the following fields:

- 1) Air Pollution Prevention;
- 2) Water Quality Control;
- 3) Climate change, and protection of ozone layer;
- 4) Conservation of biodiversity including the development of eco-tourism;
- 5) Waste Management;
- 6) Environmental Education and Public Awareness;
- 7) Environmental Impact Assessment; and
- 8) Other issues as may be confirmed by both sides.

PARAGRAPH - IV
FORMS OF COOPERATION

In order to achieve the objective, referred to in Paragraph I, both sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through appropriate forms, to the extent of resources prepared by both sides, including:

- 1) Holding policy dialogues with the senior level on the regular basis, consultations among the participants of joint commissions including authorized representative of both sides.
- 2) Exchanging the information and expertise including training; and
- 3) Other forms which will be mutually decided upon.

PARAGRAPH - V
FOCAL POINT

Both sides 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 International Cooperation and Sustainable Infrastructure Office, Global Environment Bureau. For the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Focal Point will be Environmental Conservation Department.

PARAGRAPH - VI
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Any intellectual property resulted from the operation of activities under this MOC will be exercised in line with the laws and regulations of the respective countries. Neither side can use the deliverable without the prior permission of the responsible department of each country in writing.

PARAGRAPH - VII
OBLIGATIONS

This MOC does not affect the rights and obligations of both sides, stemming from international conventions, protocols, programs and agreements which they are a party to.

PARAGRAPH - VIII
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Any dispute between both sides arising out of the interpretation of this MOC or implementation of cooperation described in this MOC will be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between both sides.

PARAGRAPH - IX
MODIFICATION

The scope of cooperation may be modified at any time through mutual written consent by both sides. Such modification will commence on such date as may be determined by both sides.

PARAGRAPH - X
COMMENCEMENT, DURATION, TERMINATION AND
EXTENSION

- 1) The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of the signatures.
- 2) The cooperation under this MOC will continue for a period of 3 (three) years and may be extended by the mutual written consent of both sides or terminated at any time by either side by giving written notification at least 6 (six) months prior to the date of the intended termination.
- 3) The termination of the cooperation under this MOC will not affect any ongoing project or activity until the completion of such project or activity.

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

SIGNED in duplicate in Nay Pyi Taw, on the 20th day of August 2018, in the English language.

FOR
THE MINISTRY OF THE
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