

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF NATURE, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM OF MONGOLIA
ON
ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION**

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia (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 and coordination efforts, and those activities to protect the environment should be carried out at the regional, national and local levels;

TAKING NOTE of the principles on the cooperation, namely ownership, alignment, harmonization, managing for results and mutual accountability which are indicated on the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness;

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 "MOC") is to strengthen, facilitate and develop mutual cooperation in the field of the environment.

**PARAGRAPH II
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Cooperative activity may be decided that in the following areas, pertaining to environmental protection and improvement:

1. Mitigation and Adaptation on Climate Change;
 - (A) Feasibility studies for Bilateral Offset Credit Mechanism;
 - (B) Capacity building on new mechanisms such as NAMA, MRV etc.;
 - (C) Early Detection Network to reduce vulnerabilities ;
2. Eco-Tourism;
3. Nature conservation ;
 - (A) Protected area management
 - (B) Migrant birds and avian flu;
 - (C) Combatting desertification;
4. Waste water treatment;
5. Air pollution control, in particular asbestos; and
6. Other areas of environmental protection and improvement as may be mutually decided upon.

**PARAGRAPH III
FORMS OF COOPERATION**

Both sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through appropriate forms, in the extent of available resources of both sides, including:

1. Promoting dialogue and partnership;
2. Exchanging information and expertise;
3. Carrying out feasibility studies;
4. Organizing symposiums, seminars, conferences, meetings, education, trainings and workshops; and
5. Other forms to be mutually decided upon

**PARAGRAPH IV
OPERATION ARRANGEMENT**

1. To assure effective operation of activities under this MOC, both sides will appoint Focal Point, which will act as representative of each side in all matters concerning this MOC. For the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the Focal Point will be the International Cooperation Office, Global Environment Bureau. For the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, the Focal Point will be the [XXXX].
2. Both sides will review the state of progress and achievements of the cooperation at appropriate occasions such as the Japan-Mongolia Environmental Policy Dialogue.

**PARAGRAPH V
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT**

Any intellectual property resulted from the operation of the cooperation under this MOC will be exercised in accordance with the laws and regulations of both sides.

**PARAGRAPH VI
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 cooperative activities under this MOC.
2. This paragraph will not prejudice the prevailing laws and regulations of both sides.
3. Neither side will disclose confidential information received from the other side under this MOC, without the prior written consent of the other side.

**PARAGRAPH VII
SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS**

Any problem arising from the cooperation under this MOC will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between both sides.

**PARAGRAPH VIII
MODIFICATION**

This MOC may be reviewed or modified at any time through mutual written consent by both sides.

**PARAGRAPH IX
COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature.
2. This MOC will continue for a period of 3 (three) years and may be extended by mutual 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 the duration of any on-going project or activity until the completion of such project or activity.

Signed in duplicate at Durban, Republic of South Africa on 8 December, 2011 in the English language

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