

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

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The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Sides” and individually as “Side”),

DESIRING to strengthen the existing friendly relations between Japan and Mongolia,

CONSIDERING their common interest in promotion of cooperation for sustainable development,

NOTING the importance of conservation and improvement of the environment for present and future generations,

RECOGNIZING that effective environmental protection requires global cooperation and coordination efforts and that such activities should be carried out at the regional, national and local levels,

TAKING NOTE of the principles of the cooperation, which are: equitability, alignment, harmonization, management for results, and mutual accountability (all of which are indicated on the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness),

PURSUANT to the laws and regulations in their respective countries,

HAVE REACHED the following recognition:

**PARAGRAPH 1  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “MOC”) is to strengthen, facilitate, and develop mutual cooperation in the pursuit of environmental protection and improvement.

**PARAGRAPH 2  
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

In line with the objective of this MOC, the Sides decided to further continue cooperation in the following areas:

1. Climate change mitigation and adaptation:

- a) Supporting initiatives related to the National Adaptation Plan of Mongolia (NAPM), highlighting cooperation for climate change impact assessment;
- b) Reducing vulnerabilities and risks via Early Detection System;
- c) Supporting implementation of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and sharing the experiences related to the “Project of Establishment of Sustainable National GHG Inventory System through Capacity Building for GHG Inventory” project; and

- d) Supporting capacity building for the JCM and its secretariat;
2. Protected area management and eco-tourism;
3. Nature conservation:
  - a) Combating desertification; and
  - b) Conservation of flora and fauna;
4. Air pollution control including dust and sandstorm;
5. Co-benefits approach; and
6. Other areas of environmental protection and improvement as may be mutually decided upon.

### **PARAGRAPH 3 FORMS OF COOPERATION**

The Sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through the applicable forms, and to the extent of available resources, including:

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

### **PARAGRAPH 4 IMPLEMENTATION**

The International Cooperation and Sustainable Infrastructure Office of the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, and the Department of Climate change and International cooperation of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia are responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the cooperation under this MOC. The Sides will review the status of progress and achievements of the cooperation at appropriate occasions, such as the Japan-Mongolia Environmental Policy Dialogue.

### **PARAGRAPH 5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT**

Any intellectual property resulted from the implementation of the cooperation under this MOC will be exercised in line with the laws and regulations of both countries.

### **PARAGRAPH 6 CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Each Side will observe the confidentiality of documents, information and other data received from or supplied to the other Side during the period of the cooperation under this MOC.
2. This paragraph will not impede the laws and regulations of both countries.
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 7 SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS**

Any divergence that might arise out of the interpretation or implementation of this MOC will be amicably settled through consultations or negotiations between the Sides.

**PARAGRAPH 8  
MODIFICATION**

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

**PARAGRAPH 9  
COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of signing and continue for a period of three (3) years, and the duration may be extended by mutual consent of the Sides. Termination at any time by either Side must be made by written notice through diplomatic channels to the other Side at least six (6) months prior to the actual termination date.
2. The termination of the cooperation under this MOC will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities/programs which have been decided upon prior to the date of the termination of this MOC.

Signed in ..... on this ..... day of ..... 2018, in duplicate, in Mongolian and English languages, all text having equal value. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE  
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