

**Memorandum of Cooperation in Agricultural Sector between
the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and
the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment of
the Republic of Palau**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment of the Republic of Palau (hereinafter referred to individually as a “side” and collectively as "both sides") have reached mutual understanding about the following for strengthening and expanding bilateral cooperation in agricultural sector of Japan and the Republic of Palau.

1. Both sides will cooperate in the following areas:
 - (a) concerted efforts for strengthening food security and improving nutrition;
 - (b) realization of agriculture that achieves both productivity enhancement and sustainability;
 - (c) exchange of knowledge and expertise by the public-private sector; and
 - (d) identification of issues for investment promotion and implementation of measures necessary to address them.

2. Both sides will establish the "Task Force for Promotion of Agricultural Cooperation between Japan and the Republic of Palau" as shown in the Attachment in order to promote cooperation in the agricultural sector described in the paragraph 1.

3. The Cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation will commence on the date of the latter signature by both sides.

4. In case that either side wishes to terminate the cooperation based on this Memorandum of Cooperation, the cooperation may be terminated by a written notice to the other side indicating such intent, not later than ninety days before the desired termination date.

5. The contents of this Memorandum of Cooperation will be modified or supplemented as necessary with written consent of both sides.
6. This Memorandum of Cooperation was signed in duplicate in English at Tokyo, on 21st day of May, 2021, and at Koror, on 21st day of May, 2021.

For the Ministry of Agriculture,
Forestry and Fisheries of Japan

For the Ministry of Agriculture
and Fisheries and the Environment
of the Republic of Palau

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**The Task Force for Promotion of Agricultural Cooperation
between Japan and the Republic of Palau**

1. The purpose

The purpose of the Task Force for Promotion of Agricultural Cooperation between Japan and the Republic of Palau (hereinafter referred to as “the Task Force”) is to discuss and promote agricultural cooperation between Japan and the Republic of Palau (hereinafter referred to as “Palau”) for strengthening food security and improving nutrition in Palau.

2. The priority areas of cooperation

The Task Force identifies the priority areas of cooperation as listed in Attachment 1, and such priority areas may be added or modified by consent of both sides in the Task Force meeting referred to in Section 4.

3. The member of the Task Force

The Task Force has supervisors for Japan and Palau respectively, which are taken by the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (hereinafter referred to as “MAFF”) for Japan and Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment (hereinafter referred to as “MAFE”) for Palau. If Minister of MAFE is vacant, President of the Republic of Palau takes the supervisory position for Palau. It also has the co-chairs, which are taken by Deputy Director-General (International Affairs), Minister’s Secretariat of MAFF and Director, Bureau of Agriculture of MAFE, and they can organize the Task Force meeting referred to in Section 4.4-1. The member list of the Task Force is shown in Attachment 2. The member can be added and modified by consent of both sides in the Task Force meeting.

4. The activity of the Task Force

4-1 The Task Force holds meetings once or twice a year for management and promotion of the projects and the activities under the cooperation. In the meeting, the participants report the progress, the plans and the problems to be addressed in relation to their projects and the activities. The co-chairs show directions or suggestions to

solve the problems, which are reported as the obstacles to further progress of the projects and the activities, based on the discussion in the meeting. The meeting is open to anyone from both public and private sectors who are concerned with the cooperation through their projects and activities.

4-2 To further promote the projects and the activities under the cooperation, the Japanese side of the Task Force dispatches a mission to Palau for on-site studies and the Task Force meetings as necessary.

4-3 The co-chairs of the Task Force of Japan and Palau report the progress of the Task Force's activities to the supervisors of the respective sides in an appropriate time and manner and obtain directions for further discussion in the Task Force meetings.

Attachment 1 Priority areas of cooperation

- Stable supply of fresh, high quality and safe vegetables and fruits in Palau
- Development of livestock industry in Palau

Attachment 2 The member list of the Task Force

Japan:

MAFF

Bilateral Affairs Division, International Affairs Department, and other relevant departments

JICA (HQ, Palau Office)

The Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Palau

Local governments

Private companies

University, Research institute

Palau:

Bureau of Agriculture, MAFE

Koror State Government Recycle Center

Palau Community College Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE)

Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM)

Farmers Association

Private farms and companies

Note: Underlined members are responsible for the management of the Task Force.