

**Memorandum of Cooperation between
the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and
the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation in regard to the Joint
Japanese-Russian project to increase the productivity of agriculture and fisheries in the
Russian Far East**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to individually as “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”),

Considering the importance of Japanese-Russian cooperation in the Russian Far East and the involvement of Japanese-Russian business communities in this process; and

In order to promote the development of the agricultural and fisheries sectors in the Russian Far East, and to enhance its export potential, in particular, to the markets of the countries of the Asia-Pacific region,

have consented to the following:

1. The Participants, driven by the common interest in developing the Russian Far East, creating modern agricultural and fisheries production in the region, expanding trade and attracting investments, adopt the "Joint Japanese-Russian project to increase the productivity of agriculture and fisheries in the Russian Far East" (hereinafter referred to as “the Joint Project”), which is an Appendix to this Memorandum and, within the framework of their national legislations and powers, intend to make every possible contribution to its successful implementation and fulfillment.

2. The Participants will hold regular meetings at the level of deputy ministers to assess the results of the implementation of the Joint Project, provide additional impetus for cooperation and, if necessary, modify the Joint Project.

3. This Memorandum is not legally binding and does not create any rights and obligations.

4. Any disagreements between the Participants related to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be resolved amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

5. This Memorandum will commence on the date of its signing and continue until the 6th month following the date of receipt by any Participant of a written notification from the other Participant about the intention to terminate this Memorandum. The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the activities already carried out under the Joint Project.

Signed at Berlin, the Federal Republic of Germany, on 16th January 2020 in duplicate, each in Japanese, in Russian and in English. In case of any discrepancies of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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