

ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
UZBEKISTAN
IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

Recognizing the longstanding friendship and partnership between Japan and the Republic of Uzbekistan,

Noting the important role of agriculture and food systems in ensuring sustainable economic growth, rural development, and food security in both countries,

Recalling the successful collaboration implemented under the previous Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the Participants at the time of the Japan-Uzbekistan Summit meeting in October 2015,

Reaffirming the importance of food security and potential for expanding cooperation in food and agriculture sector as mentioned in Joint Communiqué of the First Japan-Uzbekistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue, signed on August 27, 2025,

Expressing the mutual desire to strengthen cooperation for the development of trade and attraction of investment into the field of agriculture and other sectors of mutual interest,

Hereby determine to pursue cooperative programs and exchanges through this **Arrangement** (hereinafter referred to as this "Arrangement"), to be implemented as follows:

PARAGRAPH 1

General provision

The Participants will promote scientific, technical and economic cooperation in the field of agriculture, in line with the laws and relevant regulations of their respective countries. The contents of this Arrangement will not affect any commitments that the Participants have made under any of their bilateral

agreements or other international agreements and does not intend to create any legal rights or obligations.

PARAGRAPH 2

Areas of Cooperation

Cooperation will be carried out in the following areas:

- a. exchange of information on agricultural policies and information;
- b. technical partnerships and exchange of experts to promote agricultural and rural development;
- c. create the environment to facilitate investment and trade in the food and agricultural sector;
- d. promotion of exchanges by the public and private sector;
- e. cooperation in the field of agricultural research such as for plant genetic resources; and
- f. other areas of mutual interest as may be determined by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 3

Implementation

The Participants will negotiate regarding implementations of the specific projects, and arrangements in line with the contents of this Arrangement.

PARAGRAPH 4

Intellectual Property

The intellectual property rights, which obtained under the cooperation mentioned in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Arrangement, will be protected in accordance with the national legislation of the respective Participant's country.

PARAGRAPH 5

Joint Working Group

With a view to coordinating and developing bilateral cooperation in the implementation of this Arrangement, the Participants will establish a Joint Japanese-Uzbek Working Group.

The Joint Working Group will consist of two Co-Chairpersons at the level of Deputy Director-Generals representing both Participants, and will include

representatives responsible for the relevant areas of cooperation mentioned in Paragraph 2 of this Arrangement.

PARAGRAPH 6

Confidential Information

Each Participant will ensure that the scientific and technical information provided by the other Participant will not be transferred to a third country without prior written consent of the other Participant. If either Participant becomes aware that patentable invention or copyrighted material may be obtained as a result of activities implemented, under the auspices of this Arrangement, the allocation of intellectual property rights will be confirmed prior to the implementation of the activity.

PARAGRAPH 7

Expenses

The share of costs and expenses for measures organized within the framework of this Arrangement will be jointly decided, taking into consideration the financial possibilities of the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 8

Dispute Settlement

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and implementation of this Arrangement will be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation through relevant channels between the Participants' countries.

PARAGRAPH 9

Other matters

Each Participant will, in line with its country's laws and regulations, take appropriate measures to promote activity of natural and legal persons of the other Participant's country on cooperation in the field of agriculture.

PARAGRAPH 10

Modifications

By mutual consent of the Participants, this Arrangement may be modified and supplemented by separate documents, which will be an integral part of this Arrangement.

PARAGRAPH 11

Commencement and termination

This Arrangement is valid for period of five (5) years and will commence on the date of signature. This Arrangement will be automatically renewed for the next five (5) years, if neither Participant notifies the other Participant of its intention in writing to terminate this Arrangement not later than six (6) months before the final day of the period.

The Participant notifies the other Participant of its intention in writing to terminate the Arrangement expiration.

This Arrangement will terminate in three months after the date of such notification.

Signed in Tokyo (Japan) on December 19th, 2025 in duplicate in the English language, both texts having equal value.

For
The Ministry of Agriculture,
Forestry and Fisheries, Japan

For
The Ministry of Agriculture
of the Republic of Uzbekistan