

Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)
Between
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Government of Japan
and
Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Government of Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants");

RECOGNIZING the importance of cooperation between Japan and Bangladesh;

BEING AWARE of the need to strengthen bilateral friendly relations existing between the two countries through further cooperation to facilitate trade and investment in food and agriculture sector and inputs in achieving goals of sustainable food security and nutrition between Japan and Bangladesh;

CONSIDERING that through further cooperation, considerable advantages can be expected to promote trade and investments, and that it will be of mutual benefit for the Participants;

Have reached the following consensus:

Paragraph I

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "MoC") is to strengthen and expand cooperation with a view to enhance agro-based business and attract investments, as decided by the Participants.

Paragraph II

Areas of Cooperation

The priority areas of cooperation are as follows:

1. Trade and investment in food and agriculture sector;
2. Technologies and innovation in food and agriculture sector;

3. Food security and climate change in relation to food and agriculture;
4. Any other matters as mutually decided by the Participants.

Paragraph III

Joint Working Group on Agriculture

A Joint Working Group on Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “JWGA”) will be established to provide guidance, review the progress of activities, projects and to facilitate cooperation under this MoC.

Focal points of each Participant will be appointed to maintain regular communication. The JWGA will be held in person or virtually as decided by the Participants. It is preferable that both Participants hold the JWGA meeting in conjunction with other meeting occasions involving both Participants. The Participants can invite other public entity(ies) and/or private sector when and where it will be appropriate.

Paragraph IV

Financial Arrangement

In case of exchanging relevant officials, conducting study visits and visits to attend the JWGA meetings, the visiting Participant will bear all relevant costs, and the receiving Participant will provide necessary logistic arrangements.

Paragraph V

Intellectual Property Matters and Protection of Data Information

Any intellectual property matters involved in implementing this MoC will be dealt with in line with their respective national legislation.

The Participants will protect information considered as confidential or protected from disclosure in line with their respective national laws unless otherwise mutually decided when they disclose the information to the third parties.

The confidentiality of documents and information under this MoC will be maintained notwithstanding the discontinuation of this MoC.

Paragraph VI

Scope of Application

All activities of the Participants under this MoC will be performed under their respective national laws. This MoC will not, in any way, affect the commitments of the Participants under existing bilateral agreements between Japan and Bangladesh.

Paragraph VII
Resolution of Difference

Any difference that may emerge between the two Participants relating to the implementation of this MoC will be settled amicably through direct consultations or diplomatic channels.

Paragraph VIII
Commencement and Discontinuation

This MoC will commence on 27th day of October, 2026 and continue for a period of five (5) years. It will be extended for five (5) years with the recommendation of JWGA for at least three (3) months prior to the discontinuation of the end of initial period. The Participants may revise all or a part of this MoC by mutual consent in writing. In case of discontinuation of this MoC, the ongoing project will not be hampered.

Signed on 23rd day of October, 2026 in Tokyo and on 25th day of October, 2026 in Dhaka in two originals in the English language. Each Participant retains an original copy of this MoC.

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