

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION(MOC)
BETWEEN
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES,
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
AND
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK,
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Government of Japan and the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, 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 fisheries and livestock in achieving goals of sustainable food security and nutrition between Japan and Bangladesh;

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

Have reached the following consensus:

PARAGRAPH 1
PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “MoC”) is to strengthen and expand cooperation with a view to promoting trade, investment, technology exchange and capacity building in the fisheries and livestock sectors, as mutually concurred by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 2
AREAS OF COOPERATION

The priority areas of cooperation are as follows:

1. Exchanging information in fisheries and livestock policies;
2. Promoting trade and investment in fisheries and livestock sector;
3. Any other matters as mutually decided by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 3

JOINT WORKING GROUP

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

Each Participant will designate a focal point to maintain regular communication and coordination under this MoC.

The Participants can invite other public entity(ies) and/or private sector when and where it will be appropriate.

PARAGRAPH 4

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Unless otherwise mutually concurred, in case of exchanging relevant officials, conducting study visits and visits to attend JWG meetings, the visiting Participant will bear all relevant costs, and the receiving Participant will provide necessary logistical arrangements.

PARAGRAPH 5

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MATTERS

Any intellectual property matters arising from activities under this MoC will be dealt with in line with their respective national legislation.

PARAGRAPH 6

CONFIDENTIALITY

The Participants will protect information considered as confidential or protected from disclosure to the third party in line with their respective national laws and regulations, unless otherwise mutually concurred.

PARAGRAPH 7

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

All activities under this MoC will be implemented in line with their respective laws and regulations. This MoC will not affect the commitments of the Participants under existing bilateral or multilateral agreements between Japan and Bangladesh.

PARAGRAPH 8

RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCE

Any difference arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoC should be addressed amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 9

COMMENCEMENT AND DISCONTINUATION

This MoC will commence on 27th day of October, 2026 and continue for a period of five (5) years. This MoC can be extended for successive periods of five (5) years by mutual written consent of the Participants through appropriate channel. Either Participant can discontinue this MoC by giving written notice at least three (3) months in advance to the other Participant through appropriate channel. Discontinuation will not affect activities already concurred upon or underway unless the Participants mutually decide otherwise.

Signed on 26th 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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