

Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)
between
the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
of Japan
and
the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment
of the United Arab Emirates
in the area of Agriculture and Fisheries

On 17th July 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates (hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Side" and collectively as the "Sides"),

Have reached the following recognition:

PARAGRAPH 1

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "this Memorandum") is to promote bilateral cooperation between the Sides in the areas of Agriculture and Fisheries.

PARAGRAPH 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Sides will seek opportunities to cooperate in the areas of:

- a. Food production;
- b. Sustainable fisheries management;
- c. Smart farms and innovative agricultural technologies;
- d. Animal health;
- e. Protection of new plant varieties; and
- f. Other areas determined by mutual consent within the mandate of the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 3

FORMS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation between the Sides in the areas identified in paragraph 2 may take the following forms:

- a. Exchanging knowledge and information, whenever available;
- b. Exchanging visits by specialized experts, as needed;
- c. Organizing meetings on mutual interest, as needed;
- d. Training personnel, as needed;
- e. Sharing experience about raising awareness in the areas of cooperation; and
- f. Any other forms of cooperation to be decided upon in writing by the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 4

JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE

1. A Joint Working Committee, comprising representatives from the Sides, will be formed to realize the objective of this Memorandum. The Joint Working Committee will be held when there is a need for specialized and technical discussions on the areas, identified in paragraph 2 above, which are among the areas of cooperation addressed by the Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee established under the Joint Declaration on the Implementation of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Initiative (CSPI) between Japan and the United Arab Emirates signed in September 2022. The Joint Working Committee will report to the Sides and the Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee regularly on the progress of work under this Memorandum.
2. The Joint Working Committee will develop a Plan of Actions (POA) setting out the initial cooperative projects to be pursued. This POA may be updated and modified at each meeting of the Joint Working Committee, as appropriate.

PARAGRAPH 5

IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Sides will make their best efforts to promote the joint implementation of cooperative projects and activities in the areas identified in paragraph 2.
2. The Sides will endeavour to involve and collaborate with strategic partners as appropriate, including but not limited to, government and non-government agencies, research institutions and private

companies.

3. The implementation of this Memorandum will be jointly decided by the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 6

INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Each Side will observe the confidentiality in respect of information received from or supplied by the other Side at all times.
2. The use of either Side for trademarks or logos and all other rights is in line with their written consent.

PARAGRAPH 7

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

Any dispute arising from or relating to this Memorandum will be amicably resolved by the Sides through mutual consultations.

PARAGRAPH 8

STATUS OF THIS MEMORANDUM

Nothing in this Memorandum affect the obligations of each Side in respect of any treaty, convention; or bilateral, regional or international agreement, where applicable.

PARAGRAPH 9

COMMENCEMENT, DURATION, AND TERMINATION

1. This Memorandum will commence on the date of its signature by the Sides and continue for a period of five (5) years. This Memorandum will be renewed for another similar period automatically unless either Side notifies the other Side in writing of its desire not to renew it at least ninety (90) days before the specified date of termination.
2. Either Side may terminate this Memorandum by sending a written notice ninety (90) days before the date of termination.

3. The termination of this Memorandum will not affect any ongoing activity and/or work programme implemented under this Memorandum unless mutually determined by the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 10

MODIFICATION

This Memorandum may be modified by mutual written consent of the Sides according to the procedures adopted by the Sides.

PARAGRAPH 11

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

This Memorandum does not create any legal obligation that conflicts with the domestic laws and regulations of both countries.

PARAGRAPH 12

INDEPENDENCE

The Sides retain their legal, regulatory and financial autonomy.

PARAGRAPH 13

COPIES

This Memorandum was formulated and signed in Abu Dhabi, on 17th July 2023 in two original copies each in the Japanese, Arabic and English languages and all texts having equal value. In the event of any difference in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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