

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY
AND FISHERIES OF JAPAN
AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland hereinafter referred to individually as “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”;

Recognising the leading role of the sector of agriculture in achieving food security;

Taking into consideration the importance of cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development for promoting sustainable development, including innovation in agri-food systems, sustainable resource management, and adaptation to climate change;

Recognising also the importance of cooperation and information exchange in order to develop agriculture and the effective utilization of resources in the agricultural field of both countries.

Reaffirming that the support of agricultural development in the two countries could be facilitated by a process of institutional cooperation between respective entities of the public sectors that embrace and foster the agricultural sectors;

Have confirmed as follows:

Paragraph 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation hereinafter referred to as “MoC” is to strengthen and promote cooperation between the Participants in the field of agriculture.

Paragraph 2

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The Participants will, subject to the law regulations prevailing in their respective countries, endeavour to support and facilitate the implementation of joint cooperation, taking into

consideration especially the potential, necessities and the availability of financial resources.

Paragraph 3

AREAS AND FORMS OF COOPERATION

The areas of cooperation identified by the Participants include:

- 1) development of agriculture including animals and plants production; animal and plant breeding;
- 2) promotion and facilitation of trade in agricultural products;
- 3) enhancement of cooperation and coordination within the relevant international organizations;
- 4) agricultural economics, market analysis, and policy evaluation;
- 5) enhancement of research and investment in agricultural innovation, including food technologies;
- 6) other related areas of interest that are mutually consented to/decided by the Participants.

Cooperation between the Participants will be carried out in the following forms:

- 1) exchange of experts and researchers;
- 2) joint research projects;
- 3) organization of workshops, webinars, seminars and conferences on subjects of mutual interest;
- 4) organization of training courses, study visits and other undertakings consented to/decided by the Participants;
- 5) exchange of information on exhibitions and fairs and other promotional activities carried out by the Participants;
- 6) assistance in the establishment of direct contacts between interested entities operating in the sector of agriculture of the both Participants;
- 7) other forms of cooperation as consented to/decided by the Participants with the aim to promote agricultural development of both countries.

Paragraph 4

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOC

1. The Participants will maintain working contacts, if necessary, the Participants will concur on dates of meetings, to be held alternatively in Japan and in the Republic of Poland in order to discuss the current cooperation, exchange information, and adopt decisions on a further realization of works within the said cooperation.
2. The Participants may appoint provisional teams of experts to carry out certain tasks in case of such a necessity.

Paragraph 5

REQUIREMENT OF THE MoC

Issues regarding the interpretation and application of this MoC will be resolved through consultation between the Participants. This MoC does not give rise to any right or obligation under international law, nor does it impose financial obligations on the Participants.

Paragraph 6

EXPENSES

1. The Participants will take utmost efforts to implement matters of this MoC depending on availability of financial resources. The financial requirements and the details of the co-operation will be subject to individual settlements between entities cooperating on the basis of this MoC.
2. Each Participant will cover its own costs arising from the implementation of this MoC. All the activities set forth and carried out within the scope and objectives of the MoC, as referred to in paragraph 2, will be implemented by the Participants according to their ordinary budget availability, without any additional cost for the State budgets of Japan and the Republic of Poland.
3. Each Participant will fully bear the costs of the visits by its respective representatives to the other Country in line with this MoC. The Participants may also avail themselves of resources provided by European Union and other international organization within the framework of their respective cooperation programmes.

Paragraph 7

SECURITY OF INFORMATION

The Participants recognize that cooperation activities should be publicized, both within each of their institutions and in the general community, in line with their respective policies on disclosure of information and within the limits of applicable legal regulations. Nevertheless, unless otherwise previously consented to/decided in writing or as required to be disclosed by law, each Participant will maintain observing the secrecy and confidentiality of documents, information and other data received or supplied to the other Participant during the period of the implementation of this MoC or any other implementing arrangements made based on this MoC. The Participants will ensure that intellectual property rights arising from joint research are handled in accordance with their respective national laws and mutually consented to/decided arrangements.

Paragraph 8

COMMENCEMENT, MODIFICATION AND DISCONTINUATION

1. This MoC will commence on the date of its signing. This MoC will continue for an initial period of five years and will be extended automatically thereafter for further periods of five years.
2. Either Participant may discontinue the MoC at any time, by informing the other Participant in writing, with a six-month notice period.
3. The discontinuation of this MoC will not affect the validity of the activities carried out and the implementation of ongoing programs and those which have been consented to/decided prior to the date of discontinuation.
4. This MoC may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

This MoC has been signed in Tokyo, Japan on the 14th of April 2026 in two (2) original copies in the English language, but texts having equal value.

**【For the Ministry of Agriculture,
Forestry and Fisheries of Japan】**

**【For the Ministry of Agriculture
and Rural Development
of the Republic of Poland 】**