

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
OF JAPAN AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN
IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”,

Noting the important role of agriculture and food production for economies of both countries,

Taking into consideration the importance of mutual cooperation to develop the agrarian sector and rural area, and

Expressing mutual desire to support the development of trade and attraction of investments into the field of agriculture and other sectors of mutual interest,

Hereby determine to pursue cooperative programs and exchanges through this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as this “MOC”), 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 MOC 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 in the areas of:

- Agricultural infrastructure
- Agricultural technology, including seed production
- Other additional fields 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 MOC.

PARAGRAPH 4

Intellectual Property

The intellectual property rights, which are obtained under the cooperation mentioned in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this MOC, 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 MOC, 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 include representatives responsible for the relevant areas of cooperation mentioned in Paragraph 2 of this MOC.

The joint working group will hold its meetings in turn as necessary in Japan or the Republic of Uzbekistan. The date, venue and program of such meetings will be decided through preliminary consultations between the Participants.

The costs connected with sending the delegations (transport, accommodation, meals and other expenses) to participate in the meetings of the joint working group will be borne by the sending Participant. The costs connected with expenses for holding meetings of the joint working group will be borne by the hosting Participant.

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 MOC, 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 MOC other than those mentioned in Paragraph 5 of this MOC 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 MOC 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

Modification

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

PARAGRAPH 11

Commencement and termination

This MOC is valid for period of five years and will commence on the date of signature.

This MOC will be automatically renewed for the next five years, if neither Participant notifies the other Participant of its intention in writing to terminate this MOC not later than six months before the expiration of the regular five year period.

The Participant notifies the other Participant of its intension in writing to terminate the MOC.

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

If the Participants have not agreed otherwise the termination of the present MOC will not affect the implementation of current programs and projects which were approved before the termination.


Signed in Tashkent (Republic of Uzbekistan) on October 25th, 2015 in duplicate in the English language, both texts having equal value.

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