



*Ministry of Justice
Japan*

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
between
the Ministry of Justice of Japan
and
the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan
in the field of Legal and Justice Affairs

The Ministry of Justice of Japan and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”,

Attaching great importance to international cooperation in the legal field,

Taking into account the mutual intention to develop cooperation on the issues of mutual interest,

Acknowledging that the Participants are partners who share common values such as the rule of law and democracy,

Have reached the following recognition:

Paragraph 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”) is to develop mutual friendship and understanding, and explore areas of cooperation between the Participants through direct communication.

Paragraph 2

Scope of Cooperation

1. The Participants will directly communicate to develop mutual understanding and to explore areas of cooperation within the competence of each Participant.
2. Through the abovementioned communication, the Participants will endeavour to decide areas and manners to conduct cooperative activities, exchange knowledge and share information.

Paragraph 3
Terms of Cooperation

1. The cooperation under this Memorandum will be conducted within the competence of each Participant and subject to laws and regulations in force in the respective countries.
2. This Memorandum will not affect any rights and obligations under international law.
3. The Participants will conduct the cooperation under this Memorandum within the available financial, human and material resources.
4. This Memorandum does not impose any financial or legal obligations on the Participants.

Paragraph 4
Confidentiality

1. Each Participant will ensure the confidentiality of confidential information and documents received from the other Participant under this Memorandum, which is marked or identified as “confidential” by the Participant providing the information or documents, and they will not be disclosed to a third party without prior written consent of the providing Participant.
2. This paragraph will remain effective notwithstanding the discontinuation of the cooperation under this Memorandum.

Paragraph 5
Focal Points

1. The focal points, which are responsible for implementing this Memorandum of each Participant, are the following:
 - a. For the Ministry of Justice of Japan: International Affairs Division, Minister’s Secretariat.
 - b. For the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan: International Legal Cooperation Department.
2. Each Participant will promptly inform the other Participant in case of any change of the focal point.

Paragraph 6
Settlement of Dispute

All disputes between the Participants arising from implementation or interpretation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably by the Participants through consultations and negotiations.

Paragraph 7
Modification

This Memorandum may be modified and supplemented at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants and such modification will become an integral part of this Memorandum. Such modification will come into effect on the date mutually determined by the Participants.

Paragraph 8
Commencement, Duration and Discontinuation

1. The cooperation under this Memorandum will commence on the day of its signing and will continue for an indefinite period.
2. Either Participant may discontinue this Memorandum by informing the other Participant in the written form of its intention to discontinue it through the focal points six (6) months in advance.
3. Upon discontinuation of this Memorandum, the Participants will decide, through consultation, whether to continue ongoing cooperative activities under this Memorandum.

Signed in Tokyo March 13, 2019, in two original copies, in the English language.

**For the Ministry of Justice of
Japan**

門山宏哲

**For the Ministry of Justice
of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

