



*Ministry of Justice  
Japan*

**Memorandum of Cooperation  
in the Fields of Legal and Justice Affairs  
between  
the Ministry of Justice of Japan  
and  
the Ministry of Justice of the State of Qatar**

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**The Ministry of Justice of Japan and the Ministry of Justice of the State of Qatar** (hereinafter referred to individually as the "Participant" and collectively as "the Participants");

**Recognizing** the importance of sovereignty, rule of law and human rights in each country;

**Desiring** to increase cooperation and mutual assistance between the Participants in the fields of legal and justice affairs in their respective countries;

**Have reached** the following recognition:

**Paragraph 1**  
**Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "MoC") is to develop mutual friendship and cooperation between the Participants through exchange of expertise and information sharing in the fields of legal and justice affairs.

**Paragraph 2**  
**Scope of Cooperation**

1. The Participants will directly communicate with each other to develop mutual understanding and to explore areas of cooperation within the competence of each Participant.
2. Through the abovementioned communication, the Participants will endeavor to identify areas and manners to conduct cooperation activities, exchange expertise and share information.

**Paragraph 3**  
**Terms of Cooperation**

1. The cooperation under this MoC will be conducted within the competence of each Participant and in compliance with the laws and regulations in force in the respective countries.
2. The Participants will conduct the cooperation under this MoC within the available budgetary, human and material resources. This MoC will not impose any legal or financial obligations on the Participants.

**Paragraph 4**  
**Focal Points**

1. The focal points, which are responsible for implementing this MoC, of each Participant are the following:

For the Ministry of Justice of Japan: International Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat.

For the Ministry of Justice of the State of Qatar: Department of International Agreements and Cooperation.

2. Each Participant will promptly inform the other in case of any change of its focal point.

**Paragraph 5**  
**Settlement of Dispute**

Any dispute between the Participants arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoC will be settled amicably through consultation and negotiation between them.

**Paragraph 6**  
**Confidentiality**

1. The Participants will ensure the confidentiality of information which is marked or identified as "confidential" by the Participant providing such information, obtained through the implementation of this MoC and will not disclose such information to a third party without prior explicit written consent from the Participant providing such information.
2. The provision under this Paragraph will remain effective notwithstanding the discontinuation of this MoC.

**Paragraph 7**  
**Modification**

This MoC may be modified at any time in writing by mutual consent of the Participants. Such modification will come into effect on the date mutually determined by the Participants and form an integral part of this MoC.

**Paragraph 8**  
**Commencement, Duration and Discontinuation**

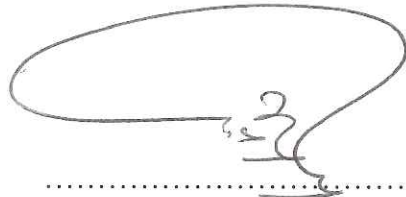
1. The cooperation under this MoC will commence upon signature of the Participants to this MoC.
2. This MoC will remain valid for a period of three (3) years, to be renewed automatically for further same period.
3. Each Participant may discontinue this MoC by giving written notice to the other Participant of its intention to discontinue it, through the focal points referred to in Paragraph 4 of this MoC, at least three (3) months in advance.
4. Upon discontinuation of this MoC, the Participants will decide, through consultation, whether to continue ongoing cooperative activities under this MoC.

Signed in Tokyo, Japan on 29 / January / 2019, in duplicate, in languages of the Japanese, Arabic, and English, all texts having equal value. In the event of a divergence of interpretation, the English language text will prevail.

**For**  
**the Ministry of Justice**  
**of Japan**

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**the Ministry of Justice**  
**of the State of Qatar**

  
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