



*Ministry of Justice  
Japan*

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF JAPAN AND THE  
MINISTRY OF LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

The Ministry of Justice of Japan and the Ministry of Law of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to singularly as the “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”),

**Recalling** our desire to strengthen legal cooperation and partnership between Japan and the Republic of Singapore;

**Supporting** the deepening exchange and cooperation between both countries on legal and dispute resolution services;

**Noting** that the exchange of knowledge and experience in the legal and judicial field serves the interests of both countries;

**Desiring** to promote the friendly relations between the two countries;

**Welcoming** the establishment of a cooperation framework between the two countries ; and

**Recognising** the respective national legislation of Japan and the Republic of Singapore as well as the functions and competences of the Participants,

HAVE REACHED the following recognition:

## **Paragraph 1**

### **Scope of Cooperation**

- 1.1. The Participants will cooperate on matters of mutual interest, including but not limited to the following fields:
  - a. International commercial dispute resolution;
  - b. People-to-people exchanges in the legal sector; and
  - c. Other areas decided by the Participants.

## **Paragraph 2**

### **Forms of Cooperation**

- 2.1. The Participants may cooperate in the fields mentioned in Paragraph 1 (Scope of Cooperation) in the following means:
  - a. Exchanging of legal publications;
  - b. Exchanging visits and study trips;
  - c. Organising and holding meetings, conferences and dialogues;  
and/or
  - d. Other forms of cooperation as may be decided by the Participants.

## **Paragraph 3**

### **Focal Points**

- 3.1. The focal points, which are responsible for implementing this

Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “MOC”) 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 Law of the Republic of Singapore: Legal Industry Division
- 3.2. Each Participant will promptly inform the other in case of any change of the focal point.

#### **Paragraph 4**

##### **Modification**

- 4.1. 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 5**

##### **Settlement of Dispute**

- 5.1. Any disputes between the Participants arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOC will be settled amicably through consultation and negotiation.

## **Paragraph 6**

### **Confidentiality**

- 6.1. Each Participant will ensure the confidentiality of information and knowledge obtained in the course of the cooperative activities under this MOC and use them solely for the purpose of implementing this MOC.
- 6.2. Neither Participant may communicate to any third party any confidential information, document or data that is provided by the other Participant in the course of implementing this MOC, except as, and to the extent authorized in writing by that other Participant.

## **Paragraph 7**

### **Costs**

- 7.1. The Participants will bear their own costs of all cooperative activities under this MOC unless otherwise mutually decided by the Participants.
- 7.2. All cooperative activities implemented under this MOC will be subject to the availability of funds of each Participant.

## **Paragraph 8**

### **Languages**

- 8.1. For all correspondence concerning the issues under this MOC, the

Participants will use their respective official languages, along with an additional translated version in the English language (where applicable).

## **Paragraph 9**

### **Commencement and Discontinuation**

- 9.1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence upon signature of the Participants.
- 9.2. Each Participant may discontinue this MOC by notice in written form to the other Participant. In such case, this MOC will be discontinued six (6) months after the date the other Participant receives the written notice of the intention to discontinue.
- 9.3. Upon discontinuation of this MOC, the Participants will decide, through consultation, whether to continue ongoing cooperative activities under this MOC.

## **Paragraph 10**

### **Non-binding Effect of this Memorandum**

- 10.1 Nothing in this MOC creates or is intended to create any legally enforceable rights or obligations under national or international law on any person or either Participant.

SIGNED in duplicate at JAPAN on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021, in the Japanese, and English languages, both versions being equally authentic.

In case of any dispute, the English language text will prevail.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Akiko Kanemasa', written over a horizontal line.

**For the Ministry of Justice  
of Japan**

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**For the Ministry of Law  
of the Republic of Singapore**