

Memorandum of Cooperation
between
the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan
and
the Ministry of Digital Government and Gender Equality
of The Kingdom of Denmark
in the field of digital

Based on shared values and principles such as freedom, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights, Japan and the Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to individually as “Country” and collectively as “both Countries”) have continued to build upon the solid foundation of more than 150 years of diplomatic relations.

In October 2023, “Joint Leaders’ Statement on the Deepening of the Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Kingdom of Denmark”, in which the importance of the cooperation in the digital sector, was issued.

With the above-mentioned background as foundation, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and the Ministry of Digital Government and Gender Equality of The Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to individually as “Side” and collectively as “both Sides”) have reached the following recognition:

Paragraph 1. Objective

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “MOC”) is to develop cooperation in the field of digital between both Sides, in line with the national laws and regulations of each Country.

Paragraph 2. Areas of Cooperation

Both Sides will cooperate in the following areas:

1) Safe, secure and trustworthy AI

a) Cooperation to promote safe, secure and trustworthy AI globally based on the outcomes of the Hiroshima AI Process.

b) Exchange of information on initiatives to ensure interoperability between AI governance frameworks such as regulations or guidelines formulated by each Side.

2) Cybersecurity

a) Exchange of information on best practices and human resource development initiatives related to cybersecurity in the field of ICT.

3) Promotion of investment

a) Exchange of information on each Side's initiatives to encourage private sector to invest in both countries.

4) Promoting Digital Transformation /Digitalisation by local governments

a) Exchange of information on the initiatives and issues related to digital transformation /digitalisation by local governments in each Country.

Paragraph 3. Implementation

The cooperation between both Sides prescribed in Paragraph 2 may be implemented through the followings:

a) Exchange of information between officials from both Sides, including online meetings;

b) Holding seminars, workshops, symposia and other related events, including those attended by public and private organisations from both Countries;

c) Implementation of joint programmes and projects of mutual interests; and

d) Any other forms of cooperation that may be jointly decided upon by both Sides.

Paragraph 4. Governance

a) Both Sides acknowledge that this MOC will not be deemed as an international agreement and will not constitute or create any legal rights or obligations.

b) Both Sides will not use information or documents exchanged through the cooperation under this MOC for purposes other than the intended or decided. Each Side will not provide such information or documents to a third party without the prior written consent, including electronic methods such as e-mail, of the other Side.

c) This MOC commences on the date of its signature and continues for a period of three (3) years, being automatically renewed for equal successive periods, unless either Side informs the other of the decision of non-renewal under the conditions of the following matter.

d) The decision not to renew this MOC, or to suspend its application, should be transmitted to the other Side at least sixty (60) days in advance, before the end of the current period or the date on which the suspension commences.

e) This MOC may be modified at any time by written consent, including electronic methods such as e-mail, between both Sides.

Signed in Copenhagen, the Kingdom of Denmark, on the 1st of May 2024 in two original copies in the English languages with both copies having equal values.

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