MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHCARE BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND WELFARE OF JAPAN AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and The Ministry of Health of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter referred to as "Both sides"), sharing the view to strengthen friendly relations and to promote cooperation in the field of healthcare as a matter of mutual interest;

Therefore, Both sides have hereby reached common recognition to explore opportunities to enhance cooperation in the field of healthcare in the following areas:

- 1. Health financing for universal health coverage, through sharing of Japan's experiences in public health insurance system by sending governmental administrators of Ministry of Health of Myanmar to Japan;
- 2. Human resource development, such as improving training programs for medical practitioners, nurses, midwives and public health professionals;
- 3. Healthcare service delivery including through technical exchange to improve quality of care;
- 4. Transfer of know-how on Japanese-style management of hospitals and public health centers;

Further, Both sides reached common recognition to explore additional avenues through which Both sides might enhance and further their mutual interests. Both sides share the recognition that this Memorandum is intended only to provide general principles and key terms for initial and prospective cooperation.

This Memorandum will commence from the date of its signing, and the cooperation will be continued during a period of five years. The period of cooperation under this Memorandum will be automatically extended for successive five-year period. This memorandum may be terminated by either side with prior written notice to the other side not later than six months before the desired date of termination.

This Memorandum was signed in duplicate as a non-binding document in Tokyo, on 15 December, 2013, in the English language.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND WELFARE OF JAPAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR