

Memorandum of Cooperation
Among
The National Health Commission
of the People's Republic of China,
The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan
And
The Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea on
Health Cooperation

The National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to individually as a “Participant” and collectively as "the Participants"), which are willing to strengthen health cooperation among one another to promote health development, ensure health security and strengthen health innovation in the region, have reached this Memorandum of Cooperation as follows:

Paragraph 1
Areas of Cooperation

Each Participant will, in line with the laws, rules, regulations and national policies, endeavor to take necessary steps to encourage and promote technical cooperation in the following areas:

1. Prevention and control of communicable diseases, including emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, pandemics and others – based on the Memorandum of Cooperation on a Joint Response against Pandemic Influenza and Emerging/Re-emerging Infectious Diseases of Common Concern and the Joint Action Plan on Preparedness and Response against Infectious Diseases with Pandemic or High Consequence Potential of Common Concern adopted by the three Health Ministers;
2. Public health emergency response mechanism and capacity for mitigating health impacts from public health threats and natural disasters;
3. Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases;
4. Strengthening the resilience of the primary healthcare system and promoting universal health coverage (UHC)
5. Health research;
6. Digital health;
7. Strengthening elderly healthcare services and promoting healthy aging;
8. Hospital management;
9. Other fields that may be mutually decided by the Participants

Paragraph 2

Forms of Cooperation

The Participants mutually decide which form/forms of cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation will be carried out through the following mechanisms:

1. Sharing of information and experiences, including networking;
2. Jointly organized conferences, forums and workshops;
3. Training of health care professionals and medical personnel;
4. Mutual visits and attachments of medical experts and other health care workers;
5. Joint research projects;
6. Joint application and implementation of collaborative health projects;
7. Other mechanisms that may be mutually decided by the Participants.

Paragraph 3

Expansion of cooperation

The Participants will develop and improve human capacity building by conducting activities as needed such as seminars and symposia by inviting other Asian countries to expand the scope of cooperation.

Paragraph 4

Condition

1. This Memorandum of Cooperation will be carried out in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of each country, under the condition of the availability of personnel, resources and funds of the Participants.
2. Any differences between/among the Participants that may arise from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation will be settled amicably by consultations and negotiations between/among them.

Paragraph 5

Modifications and Discontinuation

1. The cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation will commence on the date of signature by the Participants, and will continue for a period of five years.
2. This Memorandum of Cooperation may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants. Each Participant may discontinue the cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation at any time by notifying its intention to discontinue it in writing.

Signed in triplicate in Beijing, on 3rd December 2023 in English.

On behalf of
The National Health
Commission
The People's Republic
of China

On behalf of
The Ministry of Health,
Labour and Welfare
Japan

On behalf of
The Ministry of Health
and Welfare
The Republic of Korea