

# **MEMORANDUM of Cooperation Between the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Cuba**

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Cuba (hereinafter referred to individually as “a Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”); willing to promote bilateral relations in the field of health care, based on the principles of mutual assistance and humanity; and confident that the cooperation will raise the level of the healthcare of Japan and Cuba, have reached the following recognition:

## **Paragraph 1**

The Participants, within the scope of their respective authorities, develop and implement cooperation in the fields of healthcare in line with the laws and regulations of Japan and Cuba.

## **Paragraph 2**

The Participants intend to develop mutually beneficial cooperation in the following areas:

- 1) Exchange of experiences on strengthening healthcare systems;
- 2) Exchange of experiences and knowledge on programs for older adult care;

- 3) Exchange of experiences in primary health care and communicable and non-communicable diseases, especially dengue fever, HIV/AIDS, cancer and diabetes;
- 4) Strengthening capacity of health personnel;
- 5) Exchange of experiences and information on medicines and medical devices, including legislation, policy, research and development; and
- 6) Any other areas of cooperation as may be mutually decided upon.

### **Paragraph 3**

The activities of cooperation under this Memorandum may take place through the following modalities, in line with the technical feasibility and common interest of the Participants:

- 1) Exchange of experts and delegations in areas that are identified by the Participants;
- 2) Promotion of expert participation in conferences and events held by the Participants;
- 3) Training of health personnel;
- 4) Promotion of business developmental opportunities in pharmaceutical, biotechnological and other fields identified by the Participants; and
- 5) Any other modality of cooperation defined by mutual consent of the Participants.

#### **Paragraph 4**

Each Participant will bear the costs arising from the cooperation activities implemented under this Memorandum.

#### **Paragraph 5**

Information determined by one of the Participants as confidential is not disclosed to third parties without prior written permission from the other Participant that provided the information.

#### **Paragraph 6**

Any dispute arising from the interpretation, application or implementation of this Memorandum will be resolved through friendly consultations between the Participants and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

#### **Paragraph 7**

With the approval of the Participants, modifications and supplements may be introduced.

#### **Paragraph 8**

The cooperation under this Memorandum will commence on the date of its signing and will continue for a period of five (5) years.

This Memorandum may be extended automatically for a period of five (5) successive years, unless one of the Participants give the other Participant a written notice to terminate this Memorandum six (6) months prior to the end of its duration.

This Memorandum was signed in duplicate as non-legally-binding document in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_202\_\_ in the English language.

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