

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND WELFARE OF JAPAN**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Health of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants");

**EXPRESSING** their willingness to promote the bilateral relations in the field of health; and

**DESIRING** to strengthen cooperation in health between the Participants on the basis of mutual benefit;

**HAVE REACHED** the following recognitions:

**Paragraph 1**

**OBJECTIVE**

This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as MoC) purposes to strengthen cooperation in the field of health, within the scope of competence of the Participants, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force of Japan and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

**Paragraph 2**

**AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The Participants will develop mutually beneficial cooperation in the following areas.

- a) Primary health care;
- b) Training and strengthening human resources for health;
- c) Universal Health Coverage;

- d) Innovation in digital health: monitoring, telemonitoring, incorporation of emerging technologies, and telehealth;
- e) Research and development in health technologies in the areas of oncology, vaccines and advanced plasma therapies and diseases of aging;
- f) Policies and strategies for promoting healthy lifestyles and preventive medicine;
- g) Prevention of preparedness for and response to health emergencies;
- h) Prevention and control of chronic diseases;
- i) Vaccine production, distribution and marketing;
- j) Production and distribution of the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API);
- k) Health of the elderly; and
- l) Any other areas of cooperation of mutual consent.

### **Paragraph 3**

#### **FORMS OF COOPERATION**

1. Cooperation under this MoC will be conducted in the following ways:
  - 1) Exchange of experts and delegations in areas that are identified by the Participants;
  - 2) Exchange of relevant information and knowledge;
  - 3) Strengthening of capacity of health personnel; and
  - 4) Any other modality of cooperation defined by mutual consent of the Participants.
2. All forms of cooperation under this MoC will be conducted in line with technical feasibility and common interest of the Participants.

### **Paragraph 4**

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Each Participant will be responsible for the coordination and implementation of such activities and programs in its own country.

## **Paragraph 5**

### **FINANCE**

This MoC does not contain any financial settlements between the Participants for the cooperation stipulated in this MoC.

## **Paragraph 6**

### **OTHER RIGHTS AND INTERESTS**

Notwithstanding anything contained in this MoC, where the implementation of cooperation under this MoC affects the rights and interests of any Participant with respect to its country's national security, national and public interest or public order, and confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and data, that Participant may take appropriate measures or consult with the other Participant to ensure that its rights and interests are protected and safeguarded.

## **Paragraph 7**

### **STATUS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION**

This MoC serves only as a record of the intentions of the Participants and does not constitute or create obligations under international or domestic law and will not give rise to any legal proceedings and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied.

## **Paragraph 8**

### **CONSULTATION**

The Participants will consult each other, on occasions mutually decided by the Participants, through their representatives, on the interpretation or implementation of this MoC, either in general or in relation to a specific subject.

**Paragraph 9**  
**SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCE**

Any difference between the Participants arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoC will be settled amicably by consultations and/or negotiations.

**Paragraph 10**  
**REVISION AND AMENDMENT**

The Participants may revise or amend any part of this MoC by mutual written consent. Such revision or amendment will take place on the date determined by the Participants and will form an integral part of this MoC.

**Paragraph 11**  
**COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND DISCONTINUATION**

1. This MoC will commence on the date of signature and will continue for a period of five (5) years.
2. This MoC may be extended automatically for a period of five (5) years unless either Participant gives the other Participant a written notice to discontinue this MoC at least six (6) months prior to the end of its duration.
3. Notwithstanding any sentence of this Paragraph, either Participant may discontinue this MoC by notifying the other Participant of its intention to discontinue this MoC by written notice at least six (6) months prior to the intended date of discontinuation.
4. Discontinuation of this MoC will not affect the implementation and duration of any cooperation, projects and/or programs that have been commenced prior to the date of discontinuation of this MoC until the conclusion of such cooperation, projects and/or programs, unless otherwise consented by the Participants.

**SIGNED** on March \_\_\_\_, 2025, in Tokyo, Japan, in two (2) original copies in English, Japanese and Portuguese. In case of divergence of interpretation between any of the texts, the English text will prevail.

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