

Memorandum of Cooperation

between

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Denmark

Under the terms of discussion, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Denmark, (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”), for the purpose of developing cooperation in the field of health, have decided as follows:

Paragraph 1

Objective

The cooperation between the Participants will encourage bilateral cooperation and facilitate the mutual exchange of information and expertise on matters related to the future healthcare systems of Japan and Denmark.

Paragraph 2

Areas of Cooperation

Within Paragraph 3 and 4 of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “Memorandum”), the Participants consider that knowledge, information and ideas may be shared between the Participants in the field of the future health care systems of Japan and Denmark within the areas that include, but are not limited to:

- Organization of healthcare systems in line with demographic changes, new challenges and developments
- Use of data in the field of health
- Innovation through partnerships
- Regulation of medical products including pharmaceuticals and medical devices

Paragraph 3

Modalities of Cooperation

The Participants should meet regularly or as deemed necessary in order to advance the cooperation. The modalities of the cooperation mainly include:

- Exchange of information on policies, laws and regulations
- Joint seminars, workshops and meetings
- Exchange of visits between the ministries and relevant agencies or other technical bodies
- Promoting the participation of health professionals from both countries
- Promoting collaboration with non-governmental groups, including but not limited to public-private partnerships, academic institutions and citizens' groups.
- Any other modality of cooperation to be decided upon by the Participants.

Paragraph 4

Point of Contact

Each Participant will designate a Point of Contact (POC). The POC will serve as the principal coordinator of information and activities between the Participants.

Paragraph 5

Plans of Cooperation

To implement this Memorandum, the Participants may develop Plans of Cooperation and review the Plans thereafter for a period of time as decided upon by the Participants. The Plans of Cooperation will define specific areas of cooperation.

Paragraph 6

Confidentiality

All information, materials and/or equipment shared under this Memorandum is to be protected, within its territory, in accordance with their national legislation and regulations in force.

Paragraph 7

Intellectual Property Rights

Each Participant will protect, within its territory, the intellectual property rights of the other Participant related to the activities of cooperation under this Memorandum, in accordance with their national legislation and regulations in force.

If products of commercial value and/or intellectual property rights are generated as a result of the activities of cooperation, the Participants can make separate documents in accordance with their

applicable national legislation, as well as relevant international treaties binding Japan and the Kingdom of Denmark in order to protect such products and/or intellectual property rights.

If, during the course of actions resulting from this Memorandum information and/or equipment is identified as subject to be transferred between the Participants, both Participants will inform the competent authorities of the necessary measures regarding the transfer and use of this information and/or equipment.

Paragraph 8

Planning and Financing

Costs related to activities under this Memorandum are borne by the Participants individually.

Paragraph 9

Intention

This Memorandum will not, in any way, affect or disrupt any prior arrangements of either Participant with other organizations.

The Memorandum reflects the intention of the Participants to encourage bilateral cooperation and facilitate the mutual exchange of information and expertise relating to health. It does not create any legal obligations of any nature, in either domestic or international law.

Paragraph 10

Commencement, Duration and Termination

The Cooperation under this Memorandum will commence upon the date of its exchange by the Participants. The Memorandum will continue for three (3) years and may be extended by mutual consent of the Participants, in a written form. Either Participant may terminate the Memorandum by giving notice in writing to the other Participant of its intention to terminate this Memorandum, in which case this Memorandum will terminate six (6) months from the date of the notification of termination. Mutually acceptable modifications may be made at any time by an exchange of letters between the Participants.

Paragraph 11

Dispute Settlements

Any dispute arising from the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum and any Plans of Cooperation will be settled amicably between the Participants.

Signed in Tokyo, in October 2017, in duplicate in the English and Japanese languages, each text having equal value.

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of Japan

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