

Memorandum of Cooperation

between

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan

and

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND WELFARE of Japan and THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH of Finland, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”, for the purpose of developing cooperation in the field of health and welfare, have decided as follows:

Paragraph 1 - Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation, hereinafter referred to as “Memorandum”, is to enhance and develop cooperation in the field of health and welfare between Japan and Finland.

Paragraph 2 - Areas of Cooperation

The Participants intend to cooperate in areas that may include, but are not limited to:

1. Policy and legislation in the field of health and welfare
2. Health promotion and prevention, early diagnosis of diseases
3. Home care, elderly care, rehabilitation, supporting living at home longer
4. Health security capacity building through health system strengthening and universal health coverage
5. Medical research including personalized medicine, genomics, cancer research and biobanking; application of big data; development of new medicines and treatments of diseases
6. Health and welfare technology, digitalization and robotics
7. Regulation and certification of medical devices and health applications

Paragraph 3 - Forms of Cooperation

The Participants should meet regularly or as deemed necessary in order to advance the cooperation under this Memorandum. The cooperation may take the following forms:

1. Exchange of experiences and relevant information;
2. Promoting collaboration between national administrative entities, as well as research organisations, academic institutions and enterprises;
3. Promoting business opportunities, joint projects and activities;
4. Promoting mutual visits, seminars, workshops and trade events as appropriate;
5. Other forms of cooperation as jointly decided by the Participants.

Paragraph 4 – Funding and Resources

The activities carried out under this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Participants. For the activities carried out under this Memorandum, unless otherwise jointly decided, each Participant will bear its own expenses.

Paragraph 5 – Disputes

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 6 – Modifications

This Memorandum may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.

Paragraph 7 – Duration and Termination

The cooperation under this Memorandum will commence on the date of its signature. It will continue for a period of five (5) years and will be automatically renewed for further periods of five (5) years, unless a written notice is given by either Participant six (6) months prior to the end of the first or any succeeding period of five (5) years.

Termination of the cooperation under this Memorandum will not affect the validity of any contract related to this Memorandum.

The Participants will consult each other to determine how any outstanding matters should be dealt with.

Paragraph 8 – 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 9 – Nature of the Memorandum of Cooperation

This Memorandum is not legally binding and it is not intended to supersede national or international obligations by which the Participants are bound. All information provided or generated under this Memorandum will be safeguarded, used, transmitted, stored and handled in accordance with the Participants' national laws and regulations.

Signed in duplicate at Tokyo on 10 April 2018 in English.

**For the Ministry of Health, Labour and
Welfare of Japan**

**For the Ministry of Social Affairs and
Health of Finland**

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