

MEMORANDUM  
of Cooperation between  
the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and  
the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”), willing to promote bilateral relations in the field of healthcare, based on the principles of mutual assistance and humanity, confident that the cooperation will raise the level of the healthcare, 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 on the principles of mutual benefit and assistance in line with the laws and regulations of the Participants.

Paragraph 2

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

- 1) Sharing experience in the field of medical healthcare system;
- 2) Exchange of information on immunization programs, fight against pandemic;
- 3) Joint researches in healthcare;
- 4) Cooperation in the field of sanitary and epidemiological safety of the public;
- 5) Exchange of information and experience about development of IT systems for healthcare management;
- 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, subject to the technical feasibility and common interest of both Participants:

- 1) mutual consultations;
- 2) exchange of experts, medical and technical information;
- 3) organization of symposia and conferences;
- 4) publication of monographs and articles;
- 5) any other modality of cooperation defined by mutual consent of both 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 the prior written permission of the Participants 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 both Participants, modifications and supplements may be introduced.

#### Paragraph 8

This Memorandum will commence on the date of its signing, and the cooperation under this Memorandum will continue during a period of five years.

This Memorandum may be extended automatically for successive five-year periods unless one of the Participants gives the other Participants written notice to terminate this Memorandum six months prior to its end of duration.

This Memorandum was signed in duplicate as a non-legally-binding document in Japan, on 9 May, 2018 in the English language.

For the Ministry of Health,  
Labour and Welfare of Japan

For the Ministry of Health of  
the Republic of Belarus