

Memorandum of Cooperation in the Field of Healthcare
between
the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan
and
the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Bahrain

In the context of strengthening the bonds of friendship between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain, recognizing both countries' effort to achieve cooperation in the fields of healthcare, and desiring to take advantage of the expertise in the field of social health insurance policies, in addition to cooperation in such fields as pharmaceuticals and medical devices, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan and the Ministry of Health in the Kingdom of Bahrain (hereinafter referred to as "both sides") have signed this Memorandum. This preamble is considered as an integral complementary and explained part of this Memorandum, and both sides shared the following views:

Paragraph (1): Goals

Both sides shared the view to achieve the following under this Memorandum:

- 1 - Work to develop a framework between the both sides as a basis for mutual cooperation in the field of healthcare.
- 2 - Work to develop and expand the aspects of joint cooperation and shared the view to reach benefits desired from this Memorandum.

Paragraph (2): Application areas

Both sides confirmed to establish a joint cooperation program in the following areas:

- 1 - Health services and medical care;
- 2 - Health, medical and clinical research;
- 3 - Social health insurance; and
- 4 - Pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

Paragraph (3): Means of cooperation

Both sides confirmed the implementation of the cooperation in the areas mentioned above, through following means:

- a) Exchange of information including publications and research outcomes;
- b) Exchange of governmental officials, academic staff, scholars, teachers, experts and students;
- c) Participation in workshops and training courses;
- d) Further encouragement of health and medical research activities both at the private-sector level and at the academic level.
- e) Any other activities as confirmed by both sides.

Paragraph (4): Working-level dialogue

Both sides confirmed to establish working-level talks between both sides to embody cooperation based on this Memorandum. Working-level talks will determine the details of the application field and the implementation of this Memorandum.

Paragraph (5): Discrepancy resolution

All discrepancies on the implementation of this Memorandum will be resolved through direct negotiations and in an amicable manner.

Paragraph (6): Commencement and termination

This Memorandum will commence on the date of signature and continue for a period of five years.

- (1) This Memorandum will be automatically extended for successive five-year period unless either side not less than six months before the end of the five-year period notifies otherwise in writing the other side.
- (2) This Memorandum may be terminated by either side during the period of duration upon prior written notice before three months on the desire of termination.
- (3) This Memorandum can be modified by written consent of both sides.
- (4) Termination of this Memorandum does not affect ongoing projects and programs.

This Memorandum was signed in the Kingdom of Bahrain on August 24, 2013, the two copies in the English language; a copy has been delivered to each side.

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