

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 LAO PEOPLE'S  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND WELFARE OF JAPAN AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC hereinafter referred to as "both sides" Desiring to strengthen friendly relations and to promote cooperation in the field of healthcare as a matter of mutual interest;

Therefore, both sides hereby reached common recognition to explore opportunities to enhance cooperation in the field of healthcare in the following areas:

1. Human resource development, such as training programs for medical practitioners, nurses and public health professionals;
2. Health financing towards universal health coverage, through sharing of Japan's experiences in public health insurance system;
3. Healthcare service delivery including technical exchange to improve quality of care;
4. Healthcare system governance and management, including transfer of know-how on management of hospitals and community healthcare centers; and
5. Health information systems, including introduction of Japan's experiences and technology regarding telemedicine and electronic health information system.

Further, both sides reached common recognition to explore additional avenues through which both sides will enhance and further their mutual interests. Both sides share the recognition that this Memorandum is intended only to provide general principles and key terms for initial and prospective cooperation.

This Memorandum will commence on the date of its signing and the cooperation will continue for a period of five years. The period of cooperation under this Memorandum will be automatically extended for another five years, unless either side notifies to the other side in writing

of its intention to terminate this Memorandum six months before the end of the 5-year period.

This Memorandum was signed in duplicate as a non-binding document in Vientiane, this 17th day of November 2013 in the English language.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF  
HEALTH, LABOUR AND  
WELFARE OF JAPAN

FOR THE MINISTRY OF  
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