

**LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND  
WELFARE OF JAPAN AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
TURKEY**

For this Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as "LoI"), the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants"),;

DESIRING to strengthen friendly relations and develop cooperation in the field of healthcare between the Participants in line with the principle of equality, mutual benefit and mutual respect.

DO HEREBY declare their intention to establish cooperative relations between the Participants, in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of respective countries.

Such cooperative relations intended to be established by the Participants are in the following areas:

- a) Strengthening of healthcare systems, health information and information systems,
- b) Strengthening elderly care systems and home healthcare services,
- c) Training of the personnel working in healthcare services,
- d) Earthquake-resistant hospital technology,
- e) Public-private partnership model in the field of healthcare,
- f) Exchange of experience and information on the regulation of pharmaceuticals and medical devices,
- g) Management of emergency healthcare services and management of healthcare services in disasters,
- h) Drawing up joint project works,
- i) Providing cooperation between related healthcare institutions.

The implementation of such cooperation will be decided by the Participants in appropriate measures in due course.

The Participants reached common recognition to specify the cooperation in form of LoI and expedite necessary preparations for the implementation of cooperation under LoI.

This LoI is made with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute a legally binding document. No items of this LoI will be construed to create legal rights or obligations for the Participants.

This LoI will commence from the date of its signing and the cooperation will be continued during a period of five years. The period of cooperation under this LoI will be automatically extended for successive period of five-years. This LoI will be terminated by either of the Participants with prior written notice to the other side not later than six months before the desired date of termination.

Signed in the language of English.

For the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare  
of Japan

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Ankara, 2nd January 2014

