

**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 SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM**

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Ministry of Health of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as “both sides”), sharing the view to strengthen friendly relations and to promote cooperation in the field of healthcare as a matter of mutual interest;

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

1. Social security system: realization of universal health coverage through sharing Japan’s experiences in public health insurance system;
2. Preparation for aging society: sharing knowledge and experiences by means of policy dialogues and technical assistance;
3. Prevention and control of the emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases and disaster preparedness and response;
4. Human resource development: medical practitioners, nurses, midwives, public health professionals and E-health;
5. Advanced technology: introduction of advanced medical technology, pharmaceuticals and medical devices including those for non-communicable diseases;
6. Regulation: in order to realize item 5, recommending the Government of Viet Nam on measures for improving accessibility of Japanese manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and medical devices to Vietnamese market in line with Viet Nam’s commitments under international agreements to which Viet Nam is a party;
7. E-health: sharing Japan’s experiences and technology regarding E-health, especially in development E-health standard, public health insurance, hospital

information system (HIS), health management information system (HMIS) and data center;

8. Policy dialogue: exchange of information and experience on global health strategy;
9. Promote cooperation between hospitals, institutions and universities of the two countries in the areas of mutual interest.

Further, both sides reached common recognition to explore additional areas of cooperation based on mutual interest. 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 from the date of its signing, and the cooperation under this Memorandum will be continued during a period of five years. The period of cooperation under this Memorandum will be automatically extended for successive five-year period. This Memorandum may be terminated by either side with prior written notice to the other side not later than six months before the desired date of termination.

This Memorandum was signed in duplicate as a non-binding document in Tokyo, on 18 March, 2014, in the English language.

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