

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION  
IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHCARE  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND WELFARE OF JAPAN  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION OF  
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and The Ministry of Health and Medical Education of Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as “both sides”), sharing the view for strengthening the friendly relations ,has achieved the common recognition to explore opportunities to promote cooperation in the field of healthcare as a matter of mutual interests in the following areas:

1. Strengthening the healthcare systems, including Universal Health Coverage (UHC), insurance system and other areas of mutual interest;
2. Medical technologies including pharmaceuticals products , medical devices , medical imaging , health information system (HIS) and e-health and other areas of interest;
3. Joint cooperation in the field of advanced medical treatments;
4. Sharing knowledge and experience in management of hospitals; and
5. Other areas of interest for cooperation.

In order to establish a suitable mechanism for implementation of above mentioned activities and obtain desired results, both sides shared the view that delegation of working groups from each side, led by an appointed representative, would be in contact at appropriate times as mutually decided by both sides.

Any divergence in interpretation or performance of this Memorandum will be settled through negotiations between the competent authorities of both sides.

This Memorandum will commence from the date of its signing and the cooperation under this Memorandum will continue 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 Tokyo on 23 February 2015 corresponding to 4 Esfand 1393 in duplicate as a non-legally-binding document, in English, Japanese and Persian languages, and all of which being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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