

# **MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS**

**between**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN**

**and**

**THE STATE OF INDIANA IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “MOC”) is made by and between the Government of Japan and the State of Indiana in the United States of America (hereinafter collectively referred to as “The Sides” and individually as “Side”).

The Sides share the objective of deepening their already strong economic and trade relations.

The Sides, taking into account the strengths and advantages of each Side, intend to further support and coordinate efforts on issues as set forth below.

## **Item 1: Areas of Cooperation**

In line with the principles of equality and mutual benefit, The Sides share the intention to cooperate in the following areas:

- Economic Development and Investment

This area of cooperation will be made through the promotion of business interactions between Japan and Indiana, mutual exchange of appropriate business and market information as well as other cooperative activities in recognition of the importance of two-way investment.

- Workforce Development

This area of cooperation will be made through the support and promotion of an industrial pilot program in the State of Indiana to promote Japanese management and manufacturing practices, as well as the support and development of industrial internship and exchange programs with the aim of expanding workforce for Japanese companies in Indiana as well as the exposure of Japanese employees to international business practices.

- Advanced Manufacturing and Materials

This area of cooperation will be made through the promotion of collaborative or coordinative projects, cooperative research, and information exchange regarding nanotechnology, microelectronics, advanced materials, and advanced manufacturing. In addition, the Sides seek to cooperate in the promotion of collaborative research partnerships. The Sides will cooperate as appropriate to support a productive long-term relationship.

- Automotive, including Smart/Autonomous Transportation

This area of cooperation will be made through appropriate cooperation and information sharing in the development and support of the automotive industry, including automotive innovation, engineering and manufacturing, and workforce development; the research, development, commercialization, and production of smart and autonomous transportation; promotion of foreign direct investment and market access; and research partnerships.

- Aerospace and Aviation

This area of cooperation will be made through promotion of development, operation, manufacturing, and maintenance of aircraft between the aerospace industries of The Sides, with the aim of enhancing aerospace manufacturing attractiveness, workforce development, foreign direct investment, market access and support, and opportunities between institutions in Japan and in Indiana. The foregoing may also include the promotion and development of workshops, symposia, or other relevant cooperative events.

- Infrastructure

This area of cooperation will encompass state, regional, and local vertical and horizontal infrastructure (including energy generation and storage, etc.). Activities contemplated include technology collaboration; project finance and public-private partnerships; and private sector and academic institution collaboration, whether in the form of symposia, workshops, or such other endeavors as determined by The Sides.

- Life Science Cooperation

This area of cooperation will be made through company partnerships, opportunities, trade missions, symposia, workshops, and other relevant cooperative events; market access, early stage company investment, finance, and support; clinical research/regulatory affairs; and research partnerships.

- Agriculture and Agriculture Technology

This area of cooperation will be made through appropriate cooperation and information sharing in the fields of agriculture and agriculture technologies. The Sides will cooperate as appropriate to support a productive long-term relationship.

- Information and Communications Technologies

This area of cooperation will encompass the areas of information technology, cyber security, and the Internet of Things. Activities contemplated include technology collaboration; cooperative partnership participation and collaboration; and private sector and academic institution collaboration, symposia, workshops, or such other endeavors as determined by The Sides.

- Academic Cooperation

This area of cooperation will be made through the creation of new, and/or the enhancement of existing, exchange programs to support and encourage appropriate institutional collaboration between primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools, including elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, vocational schools, colleges and universities, as well as research institutions in Japan and Indiana.

## **Item 2: Forms of Cooperation**

Forms of cooperation may include the following:

- Specific projects, including technology and infrastructure demonstration projects;
- Sharing appropriate information and experiences regarding policies and programs, as well as policy design and capacity building support;
- Exchanges and temporary assignments of personnel from The Sides;
- Promotion of cooperative research, development, and deployment projects in fields such as the life sciences and other technology between research institutes and universities by The Sides;
- Joint organization of symposia, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, and training;
- Participation in other commitments and/or initiatives, including multilateral consortiums;
- Innovation hubs;
- Promotion of participation and support from municipalities, regions, research institutes, universities, and non-governmental organizations, as well as other organizations; and,
- Any other mutually acceptable forms of cooperation that contribute to the goals of this MOC.

### **Item 3: Implementation**

The Sides will, on a regular basis, inform and consult with one another on matters of common interest that represent opportunities for mutual benefit, consistent with this MOC, including a formation of a working group made up of stakeholders chosen by The Sides.

To oversee and implement this MOC, the Government of Japan designates the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (“MOFA”); Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (“MIC”); the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (“MEXT”); the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (“MHLW”); the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (“MAFF”); the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (“METI”); the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (“MLIT”); the Japan External Trade Organization (“JETRO”); and the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago; and the State of Indiana designates the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (“IEDC”, which includes the State of Indiana of Japan Office), as the coordinating authority for all state agency interactions related to this MOC; or, such other designees The Sides may advise in writing from time to time.

The foregoing working group and organizations will coordinate the implementation of this MOC, as appropriate, with other commitments between entities in Japan and Indiana. The foregoing working group and organizations will draft a plan of execution and provide direction and leadership in the plan’s implementation.

### **Item 4: Duration, Termination, and Modification**

This MOC is not legally binding and does not create any legal, equitable, or financial rights, obligations, or liabilities on The Sides.

The cooperation under this MOC will continue for four (4) years from the date of its signature by The Sides and may be modified and/or its duration extended as decided by The Sides in a signed writing.

Either Side may terminate the cooperation under this MOC after 45 days written notice to the other Side.

This MOC is signed in Tokyo on the 12th day of September, 2017 in the Japanese and English languages, both texts having equal value.

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