

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING NEW SPECIAL MEASURES RELATING TO
ARTICLE XXIV OF THE AGREEMENT
UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY OF
MUTUAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY
BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
REGARDING FACILITIES AND AREAS AND
THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN JAPAN

Japan and the United States of America,

Confirming that the United States armed forces maintained in Japan under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "the Treaty") and the Agreement under Article VI of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America, Regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of United States Armed Forces in Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the Status of Forces Agreement"), both signed at Washington on January 19, 1960 (hereinafter referred to as "the United States armed forces"), contribute to the security of Japan and the maintenance of international peace and security in the Far East,

Recalling that, for the purposes of maintaining stable employment of the workers who are employed by Japan and render labor services to the United States armed forces or to the organizations provided for in paragraph 1(a) of Article XV of the Status of Forces Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the workers") and ensuring the effective operations of the United States armed forces, various measures were provided for, inter alia, special measures relating to Article XXIV of the Status of Forces Agreement which sets forth the principles on the sharing of expenditures incident to the maintenance of the United States armed forces in the Agreement between Japan and the United States of America concerning New Special Measures relating to Article XXIV of the Agreement under Article VI of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America, Regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of United States Armed Forces in Japan, signed at New York on September 11, 2000,

Noting situations involving both countries,

Recognizing that, for the purpose of ensuring the effective operations of the United States armed forces, it is necessary to take new special measures relating to Article XXIV of the Status of Forces Agreement,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

Japan will bear, during the Japanese fiscal years 2006 and 2007, all or a part of the expenditures in paying the following wages to the workers:

(a) base pay, daily wage of daily employees, special term employees salary, hourly pay temporary employees hourly pay and theater personnel wage;

(b) regional allowance, discharge allowance, family allowance, remote area allowance, special work allowance, summer allowance, year end allowance, cold area allowance, retirement allowance including retirement allowances for workers separated by the United States armed forces or by the organizations provided for in paragraph 1(a) of Article XV of the Status of Forces Agreement through reduction in force and for workers whose employment is terminated for duty-connected disability or death due to duty-connected injury or illness, involuntary severance bonus for employees affected by reduction in force, pro rata bonus for employees affected by reduction in force, commutation allowance, conversion allowance, position conversion allowance, night duty allowance, housing allowance, unaccompanied duty allowance, additional schedule pay, overtime pay, hourly pay temporary employees premium pay, holiday pay, night differential, non-work allowance and daily pay authorized for duty-connected illness or injury for hourly pay temporary employees; and

(c) allowance for lump sum payment to mariners for unexecuted annual leave, dangerous cargo allowance, engagement allowance, engine room allowance, engine work allowance, fire-fighting allowance, foreign ship bonus, foreign voyage allowance, labor allowance, reporting allowance, small vessel allowance, tanker allowance, towage allowance and master and chief engineer allowance.

Article II

Japan will bear, during the Japanese fiscal years 2006 and 2007, all or a part of the expenditures in paying costs of the following procured for official purposes in Japan by the United States armed forces, or by authorized procurement agencies of the United States armed forces upon appropriate certification:

(a) electricity, gas, water supply and sewerage from public utilities; and

(b) fuels for heating, cooking and hot water supply not included in (a) above.

Article III

With regard to training that the United States armed forces conduct using any specific facilities and areas among those facilities and areas the use of which is granted to the United States of America under Article VI of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "facilities and areas"), in cases where the United States of America, upon a request of the Government of Japan made at the Joint Committee provided for in paragraph 1 of Article XXV of the Status of Forces Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Committee"), changes to the use of other facilities and areas instead of using the said specific facilities and areas all or a part of the said training, Japan will bear all or a part of the additional expenditures incident to such changes, provided that the Government of Japan, on making the above mentioned request, notifies the Government of the United States of America that Japan will bear expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Article IV

The United States of America will make efforts to economize the expenditures referred to in Article I, Article II and Article III.

Article V

Japan will determine, for each Japanese fiscal year, the actual amount of the expenditures that Japan will bear under Article I, Article II and Article III respectively and will promptly notify the United States of America of such determination.

Article VI

Japan and the United States of America may consult on all matters regarding the operation of this Agreement through the Joint Committee.

Article VII

This Agreement shall be approved by Japan and the United States of America in accordance with their respective internal legal procedures. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when diplomatic notes indicating such approval are exchanged, and shall remain in force until March 31, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized for the purpose, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Tokyo in the Japanese and English languages, both equally authentic, this twenty-third day of January, 2006.

FOR JAPAN:

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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA:

Robert B. Zoellick