

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA,
INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH
AND
JAPAN AGENCY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION**

Department of Science & Technology (hereinafter referred to as "DST"), Indian Council of Medical Research (hereinafter referred to as "ICMR") and the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (hereinafter referred to as "AMED"), hereinafter collectively referred to as "Participants" and individually as "Participant";

Recognizing the desire of the scientists in Participants' respective countries to further enhance and strengthen cooperation;

Recognizing the importance of strengthening cooperation among DST, ICMR, and AMED under the "Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of India on co-operation in the field of Science and Technology"; signed on 29th November 1985;

Intending to advance India-Japan partnership in medical research and development;

Noting that this MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION (hereinafter referred to as "this MOC") sets out the recognition of the Participants' intention that the cooperation will promote research collaboration in the scientific fields which the Participants consider important with a view to achieve advancement in medical research and development; and

Wishing to promote research cooperation in specific scientific fields on health and Medical sciences under this MOC.

From Japan side, AMED may utilize Strategic International Collaborative Research Program (SICORP) in Japan;

NOW HEREBY DECIDED as follows:

Section I

The purpose of this MOC is to strengthen cooperation between the Participants on scientific research and to promote and support cooperation between scientists in India and Japan related to medical research and development. This MOC is intended to facilitate research cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Section II

Activities under this MOC may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following collaborative activities:

- 1) Cooperative research projects conducted by scientists of both countries;
- 2) Joint seminars, workshops, and other scientific meetings;
- 3) Personnel exchanges; and
- 4) Other cooperative activities as may be decided by Participants.

Section III

The activities to be carried out under this MOC should meet the following requirements:

- All collaborative activities should be of high scientific standard and beneficial to the advancement of medical research and development in India and Japan.
- All collaborative activities should be of significant benefit to India and Japan, from a scientific and practical point of view which will benefit from bilateral cooperation.
- All collaborative activities should be performed on a basis of mutuality.

Section IV

DST and ICMR intend to be responsible for facilitating and coordinating the participation in activities under this MOC by entities within India, depending on the research field of the activity.

The Department of International Strategy of AMED intends to be responsible for facilitating and coordinating the participation in activities under this MOC by entities within AMED.

The Participants may utilize other documents for implementation to facilitate specific cooperative activities under this MOC.

Section V

Each Participant acknowledges the importance of the protection of human and animal subjects and transfer of biological material in any research, public health or medical program. Each Participant's country has adopted laws and regulations on the protection of human and animal subjects involved in research on transfer of biological materials. Each Participant intends to conduct all its activities contemplated by this MOC in line with all laws, regulations, policies and procedures applicable to it.

Section VI

This MOC is an expression of the current intentions of the Participants and does not create any legally binding obligations. Specific projects and activities under this MOC are under the approval of the relevant project participants' managements, the availability of personnel, appropriated funds and other resources.

Section VII

Funding would be based on co-funding style that DST and ICMR will fund Indian side project as per the subject areas and AMED will fund Japan side project.

Section VIII

The Participants intend to encourage scientists involved in activities carried out under this MOC (hereinafter referred to as "Scientists") to publish their findings, both collaboratively and as individuals. In any publication specifically related to work performed in connection with this MOC, the Scientists should be encouraged to make an appropriate reference to the collaborative activities under this MOC. The Participants intend to make medical outputs available to the wider scientific community and the public, in line with the Participants' customary practices and procedures.

Section IX

The Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) consisting of the delegates from each side will convene meeting as needed, including via web conference. The expenses related to travel, including Visa entry, accommodation, per diem, health insurance, local transport of its members, will be borne by the Sending Participant whereas the organizational expenses of the JCC meeting will be borne by the Host Participant.

The JCC will provide overview and overall direction to the program and identify topical areas of particular strategic importance for joint program.

Section X

This MOC may only be modified and supplemented in writing as decided by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Section XI

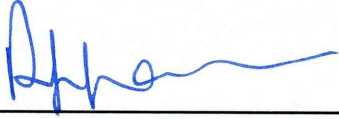
The Participants will attempt to resolve all problems arising from this MOC amicably through discussions.

Section XII

The cooperation under this MOC may commence upon signature of the Participants and is intended to continue for five (5) years from the date of signing. The cooperation under this MOC is intended to be automatically renewed and continued on a five-year basis unless either of the Participants provides written notice to the other that it wishes to discontinue the cooperation under this MOC at least six (6) months before the end of the original or any subsequent term of this MOC. The Participants intend that the discontinuance of the cooperation under this MOC is not to affect the cooperative projects already being carried out under this MOC.

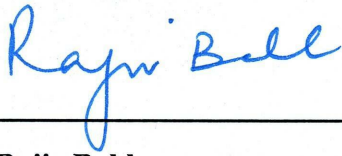
Signed at Tokyo, on March 6, 2026 and New Delhi, on March 18, 2026, in three originals, each in the English language.

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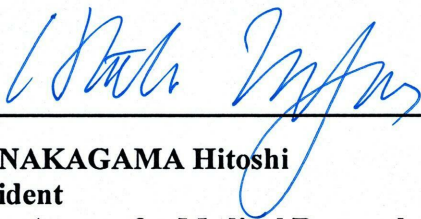
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