

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF JAPAN AND
THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
IN THE FIELD OF LEGAL AND JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION**

The Ministry of Justice of Japan and the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Thailand (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Participants” and individually as “the Participant”),

Recalling the long-standing amicable relationship between the two countries,

Reaffirming their commitments to respect for shared common values including freedom, democracy, the rule of law and human dignity,

Determined to contribute to peace, prosperity and the rule of law in the Asian region through cooperation between the two countries,

Hereby make this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “MOC”).

Paragraph 1
Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this MOC is to further develop mutual friendship, understanding and cooperation between the Participants through the exchange of expertise and information sharing in the fields of legal and justice administrations.

Paragraph 2
Areas of Cooperation

The Participants will endeavor to cooperate on the following areas:

1. Systems and operations regarding treatment of offenders, including but not limited to, treatment in custodial facilities, design and

architecture of such facilities, and community-based treatment;

2. Systems and operations regarding promotion and protection of human rights;

3. Legal systems and operations in the civil and commercial fields;

4. Development of access to justice and criminal justice systems towards the achievement of 2030 SDGs;

5. Human resources development in the field of legal and justice administration;

6. Effective information management for the development of legal and justice administration; and

7. Other areas of cooperation based on the consent between the Participants.

Paragraph 3

Activities of Cooperation

The Participants will endeavor to cooperate on the areas referred to Paragraph 2 of this MOC in the following manner:

1. Exchanging justice and/or legal expertise, best practices, and opinions of the Participants for the purposes of research, study visit, and training;

2. Organizing conferences, seminars and training courses in the fields of justice and legal affairs; and

3. Exchanging publicly available legislations, legal materials, and publications, as appropriate.

Paragraph 4

Terms of Cooperation

1. The Participants will cooperate under this MOC within the competence of each Participant and the scope of the respective laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

2. The Participants will cooperate under this MOC within the available budgetary, human and material resources. This MOC does not impose any financial or legal obligations on the Participants.

Paragraph 5
Focal Points

1. The focal points, which are responsible for implementing this MOC of each Participant, are the following:
 - a. For the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Thailand: International Affairs Division, Office of the Permanent Secretary
 - b. For the Ministry of Justice of Japan: International Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat
2. Each Participant will promptly inform the other in case of any change of the focal point.

Paragraph 6
Modification

This MOC may be modified by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Paragraph 7
Commencement and Discontinuation of the MOC

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature and will continue for an indefinite period.
2. Either Participant may discontinue the cooperation under this MOC at any time by providing written notice to the other Participant. The discontinuation will take effect ninety (90) days after the date of receipt of the notice by the other Participant.

Signed in duplicate in the English, Thai and Japanese languages. In case of discrepancies, the English text will prevail.

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