

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS, SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY (MEXT)
OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

Recognizing the benefits of further developing the relations in the field of sports, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan and the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”, inspired by the willingness to promote and strengthen existing friendly relations and cooperation in the field of sports,

Have decided as follows:

Item 1: General Objective

This Memorandum of Cooperation will provide the framework within which detailed proposals for programmes of cooperation between the two Participants in the field of sports and in particular preparation for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games are to be jointly considered on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

The Participants will endeavor to encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the advancement of linkages and cooperation between and through the sports agencies of the respective Governments and making of such documents for conducting cooperative activities and programmes in sports leading to Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Item 2: Forms of Cooperation

In order to achieve the objectives of cooperation, the Participants will encourage and promote exchange of experiences, skills, techniques, information and knowledge as follows:

- Training and competition of athletes and teams;
- Training and technical assistance for coaches;
- Visits of sports leaders, sports administrators, professionals, experts and sports support personnel;
- Programmes for sports sciences and anti-doping;
- Programmes in the areas of coach education, curriculum development, sports education, sports management and sports infrastructure development and management;
- Interaction through meetings, conferences and symposia;
and
- Any other fields and subject deemed fit and necessary for mutual benefits within the framework of this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Item 3: Funding

The financial matters for all cooperative activities and programmes under this Memorandum of Cooperation will be mutually decided upon by the Participants on a case-by-case basis subject to availability of funds and resources.

Item 4: Implementation

The Participants will make documents for the implementation and development of specific programmes under this Memorandum of Cooperation through meetings, exchanges of letters or other instruments. Each Participant will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of its side of plans/programmes. Such specific documents will cover the subject of cooperation,

procedures, treatment of intellectual property, funding and other appropriate matters.

Item 5: Relationship with Foreign Ministries

The Participants to this Memorandum of Cooperation will keep the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Embassies of their respective countries informed about the signature of and progress under this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Item 6: Modifications

This Memorandum of Cooperation may be modified at any time by mutual consent in writing between the Participants.

Item 7: Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute between the two Participants arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation will be settled amicably by mutual consultation and negotiation.

Item 8: Commencement, Continuation and Termination

The cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation will commence on the date of its signature. It will continue for an initial period up to 2020. Upon its termination, the Memorandum of Cooperation may be renewed for successive periods of four (4) years by mutual written consent. The cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation may be terminated by either Participant by giving a six (6) months written notice to the other Participant. After the termination of the cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation, any documents made under it will, subject to the mutual determination of both Participants, remain unchanged until any activities under such documents have been carried out to their completion.

This Memorandum is not intended to confer legal rights or obligations, or impose binding responsibilities to either Participant. In line with the relevant applicable laws, all activities will be carried out on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED BEING DULY AUTHORISED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE SIGNED THIS MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION.

Signed at Tokyo on 11th November 2016 in two originals, each in Hindi, Japanese and English, all texts having equal value. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**For the Ministry of Education,
Culture, Sports, Science and
Technology of Japan**

**For the Ministry of Youth Affairs
& Sports of the Republic of India**



**Daichi Suzuki
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