

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS
BETWEEN
THE JAPAN SPORTS AGENCY
AND
THE SECRETARY OF SPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR**

The Japan Sports Agency and the Secretary of Sports of the Republic of Ecuador (hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Participants" and individually as "a Participant"), seeking to promote the bilateral relations between the two countries and to strengthen their cooperation in the field of sports, and taking into consideration the laws and regulations in force in the two countries, have decided as follows:

**ITEM 1
Objectives**

The Participants will, subject to the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries, support to strengthen mutual cooperation through:

1. Promoting the exchange of visits of sports delegations, coaches, experts and specialists in the field of sports, physical education, recreation, and its applied sciences.
2. Exchanging information and experiences related to the field of sports, physical education, recreation, and its applied sciences, and other areas of mutual interest as well.
3. Exchanging invitations to attend meetings, conferences, lectures, seminars and academic forums on topics related to sports, physical education, recreation, and its applied sciences.
4. Exchanging information in order to organize sports competitions.

**ITEM 2
Areas of cooperation**

The Participants will support and cooperate in the field of sports related to the following areas:

1. Planning, management and evaluation of sports policy
2. Sports management
3. Management and maintenance of sports facilities
4. Organization of sports events and volunteering
5. Rights protection and actions to avoid, violence, harassment and discrimination
6. Anti-Doping, training of doping control personnel
7. Medicine, applied sciences, research, development and innovation
8. Experience exchange about structuring of projects related to physical activity according to gender, age group and vulnerability condition, and sports for development and peace
9. Development of recreation, physical education, university sports and high-performance sports
10. Exchange of experience related to identification of talents
11. Invitations to participate in International sports events to be held in both countries
12. Exchange of professionals, experts and sports delegations and visits by official delegations for the development of cooperation
13. Sports promotion and development for people with disabilities
14. Curricular development for conventional and adapted physical education, methodology applied to the teaching-learning process, and testing and control of physical aptitude at school level

15. Any other Cooperative field related to sports, physical education, recreation, and its applied sciences that may be decided between the Participants

**ITEM 3
Financial Matters**

The financial matters to cover expenses for the cooperative activities within the framework of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "this MOC") will be mutually discussed by the Participants on a case by case basis subject to the availability of funds and personnel.

**ITEM 4
Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute arising between the Participants related to the implementation or interpretation of this MOC will be amicably settled by consultations and negotiations through diplomatic channels.

**ITEM 5
Modification**

This MOC may be modified by mutual consultation and written consent between the Participants through diplomatic channels. Such modifications will commence on the date decided by the Participants.

**ITEM 6
Confidentiality**

- (1) Each Participant will confirm to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from or supplied by the other Participant for the implementation of this MOC.
- (2) If either Participant wants to disclose the confidential documents or information to a third party, that Participant should obtain written consent from the other Participant at least two (2) months prior to the disclosure.
- (3) The Participants confirm that the matters concerning confidentiality described in this paragraph will continue to be respected by the Participants notwithstanding the termination and end of the cooperation under this MOC.

**ITEM 7
Suspension**

Each Participant may suspend the implementation of the cooperation under this MOC temporarily for reasons of national security, national interest, public order, or public health, either in whole or in part. The suspension will commence immediately after one of the Participants notifies the other Participant in writing of its intention to suspend.

**ITEM 8
Commencement, Duration and Termination**

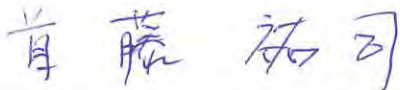
This MOC will commence on the date of signature by both Participants, and continue for a period of four (4) years. The duration is automatically prolonged for the same period, unless either Participant notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels.

Notwithstanding anything in this MOC, either Participant may terminate this MOC by providing six (6) months' prior notice in writing to the other Participant.

Such termination or end of the cooperation of this MOC will not affect the existing events, programs and activities until their completion, unless otherwise mutually decided by the Participants.


Signed at Quito on January 26, 2021 in two (2) original copies, as a non-legally binding document, in duplicate in Japanese, Spanish and English languages, all texts having equal value. In case of any divergence of the interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**FOR
THE JAPAN SPORTS AGENCY**



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