



## **Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of Sports**

between

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology  
of Japan

and

The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport  
of the Kingdom of The Netherlands

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The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Kingdom of The Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants")

WHEREAS the Participants wish to develop to the greatest possible extent the knowledge and experience of their respective policies in the field of sports by means of friendly co-operation;

BEING aware of the importance of sharing knowledge in the field of sports in general and between the two countries in particular;

BEARING in mind the mutual interests of both countries in promoting, fostering and stimulating sports at national, regional, provincial and local levels;

THINKING of the successful exchanges of knowledge and expertise between the two countries;

KEEPING in mind the preparation of, and the participation in, the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games in 2020, Tokyo, Japan; and

WISHING to promote initiatives of scientific collaboration and development in priority areas of interests to the Participants, to make the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020 the most successful games ever.

Have reached the following recognition:

## **Item (1)**

### ***Objectives***

The Participants will, subject to the rules and regulations in force in the respective countries, strengthen mutual cooperation by sustainable long-term partnership in the field of sports, sport science and sport industry.

## **Item (2)**

### ***Fields of Cooperation***

Both Participants will cooperate in the field of development sports including;

1. Elite sports;
2. Sports for all;
3. Sports for persons with special needs;
4. Management and maintenance of sports facilities;
5. Sports and innovation; and
6. Integrity of sports and anti-doping;

These areas are not exclusive and are not intended to exclude other areas of cooperation.

## **Item (3)**

### ***Forms of Cooperation***

The Participants will implement the cooperation through:

1. Promoting the exchange of visits by sports delegations, coaches, experts and specialists in sports and physical educations and its (applied) science through direct contact with the concerned sports federations;
2. Investigate the possibilities for setting up joint research and innovation projects;
3. Exchanging information and views related to sports for physical activity-related issues as well as other areas of mutual interest related to sports and health.
4. Exchanging invitations to attend meetings, conferences, lectures, seminars and academic forums on topics dealing with sports held in both countries.

## **Item (4)**

### ***Implementation***

To implement the cooperation under this Memorandum, the Participants will establish a right coordination structure.

1. The Participants will appoint representatives from each country responsible for implementing the cooperation under this Memorandum.
2. For the implementation, the Participants may provide, by mutual consent, the appropriate procedure.

3. The Participants may organize exchange of visits of official delegations for strengthening ties between the two countries in the field of sports and sport science.

#### **Item (5)**

##### ***Financial Matters***

The financial matters to cover the expenses for the cooperative activities conducted within the framework of this Memorandum will be mutually decided upon by the Participants on a case-by-case basis subject to the availability of funds.

#### **Item (6)**

##### ***Dispute Reconciliation***

Any dispute arising between the Participants on the interpretation of this Memorandum, will be settled amicably through bilateral consultations and negotiations.

#### **Item (7)**

##### ***Modification***

Any changes to this Memorandum will be made by mutual consent of the Participants.

#### **Item(8)**

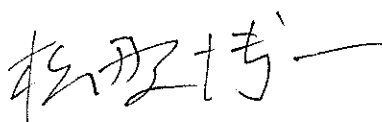
##### ***Commencement and Duration***

The cooperation under this Memorandum will commence on the date of its signing and will continue for four years. If either of the Participants wishes to terminate this Memorandum, it should be notified six months prior to the intended date of termination through diplomatic channels.

Such termination will not affect any of the already scheduled events and programs.

This Memorandum is signed as a non-legally binding document in Tokyo, Japan on October 21st 2016, in duplicate in the English and Japanese languages, both texts having equal value.

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