

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF JAPAN**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND SPORTS
OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan and the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Hellenic Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants", in an effort to enhance the ties of friendship and cooperation existing between the two Ministries in the field of Sports and to strengthen their cooperation on international issues of mutual and multilateral Sports interest, have decided as follows:

ITEM 1

The Participants will enhance their cooperation in view of the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020 by underlining the value of the Olympic and Paralympic Games as a unique international cultural event, over the millennia, by fostering the values of competition, solidarity and friendship among peoples and by expressing their intention to preserve the Olympic and Paralympic Games as an international sports event of 'clear conscience'.

ITEM 2

The Participants will strengthen the institutions of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, by working together towards the formulation and support of proposals relating to the Olympic Truce, which will be submitted to the organisers of the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Participants will enhance transparency and democratization in the field of Sports.

ITEM 3

The Participants will work on enhancing the means of cooperation between them in the domain of Sports. For this purpose they will:

1. Exchange the experiences and expertise of each other in the Sports domain.
2. Exchange information and documentation in the fields related to Sports.
3. Exchange know-how in the domain of investment and maintenance of the Sports constructions.

4. Exchange visits of Sports leagues and Sports teams in the various games, in coordination with the respective society.

5. Transfer the Know-how and expertise gained from the 2004 Athens Olympic and Paralympic Games especially in the fields of civic protection and security for the preparation, conduct and infrastructure of world Sports events, mainly to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

ITEM 4

The Participants will cooperate on:

- Sport for All Programs
- Para-sports
- Sports Medicine
- Doping Control
- Management and maintenance of Sports facilities
- Training Camps
- Any other areas of cooperation in the domain of Sports to be mutually specified by the Participants

The Participants will promote joint initiatives, to further enhance transparency and good governance in Sports.

ITEM 5

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

ITEM 6

This Memorandum will commence on the date of the last of the two written notifications by which either of the Participants informs the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures required for its commencement. This Memorandum will remain valid for a period of four years and will, thereafter, be renewed automatically for successive periods of four years, unless either of the Participants notifies the other, in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Memorandum at least six months prior to the expiry of its initial or any subsequent period of duration.

Signed in Kazan on 15 July 2017, in duplicate, each in the Japanese, Greek and English languages, all texts having equal value. In case of divergence, the English text will prevail.

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Signed on behalf of
The Ministry of Education, Culture,
Sports, Science and Technology of Japan



Signed on behalf of
The Ministry of Culture and Sports of
the Hellenic Republic

