

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF SPORT AND TOURISM
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan and the Ministry of Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Poland (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants” and individually as a “Participant”);

PROMPTED by the desire to develop and strengthen contacts in the field of sports between the two States;

DESIRING to expand their cooperation in the field of sports;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the ideals and principles of the Olympic Movement; and

SEEKING to strengthen cooperation between the Olympic Movement of the two States in the context of the preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020,

HAVE DECIDED as follows:

Paragraph 1

This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “the Memorandum”) will provide a general framework for the strengthening of cooperation between the Participants for the mutual development in the field of sports.

Paragraph 2

The Participants will cooperate within the scope of:

- 1) encouraging their national sports federations, training centres, and research and development centres operating in the field of sports as well as public and non-public higher education and research institutions dedicated to sports to establish direct contacts and to strengthen their cooperation;
- 2) exchanging information on the organization and financing of sports, the conditions of financing and management of sports infrastructure and the system of sports education and training, as well as regulations concerning sports, in the two States;

- 3) promoting the exchange of experts, coaches and athletes in various sports;
- 4) supporting the participation of athletes, sports coaches and technical personnel in sports events organized in of the two States;
- 5) supporting actions and programs accompanying sports events and aiming to promote the two States as tourist destinations;
- 6) exchanging information and experts in the fields of sports for all, sports medicine and anti-doping measures; and
- 7) contributing the exchange of sports delegations on the basis of reciprocity.

Paragraph 3

The cooperation referred to in Paragraph 2 hereof may be carried out in the form of exchange of delegations within an exchange programme or in any other form deemed appropriate by the Participants.

Paragraph 4

The cooperation will be financed by the Participants according to the available funds, their budget assessments and provisions of their relevant national legislation.

Paragraph 5

- 1) The cooperation under the Memorandum will commence on the date of its signature by the Participants.
- 2) The cooperation under the Memorandum will continue for a period of three (3) years and will be automatically renewed for successive three-year periods unless either Participant gives the other Participant, through diplomatic channels, a six (6) month prior written notice of the intention to terminate it.
- 3) The Memorandum may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the Participants. The modifications will commence on the date of its signature by the Participants.

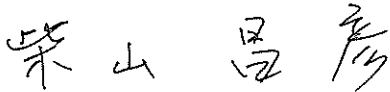
Paragraph 6

The Memorandum is formulated with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute an agreement under international law. Nothing in the Memorandum will be interpreted and implemented as giving rise to any legally binding rights or obligations.

Signed in Tokyo on 22 February 2019 in two originals, each in the Japanese, Polish and English languages, all text having equal value. In the event of any divergence in the interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**For the Ministry of Education, Culture,
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