# MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS BETWEEN THE JAPAN SPORTS AGENCY AND

#### THE MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

With a view to developing sports exchange and cooperation, and promoting the mutual understanding and traditional friendship between the people of Japan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Japan Sports Agency and the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants"),

Have reached the following recognition:

## Paragraph 1 Objective

The Participants consider that the implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereafter referred to as "MoC") will contribute to the promotion of cooperative relationship, mutual understanding and friendship among the athletes and peoples of the two countries. The Participants will strive to endeavor to develop sports exchange and cooperation on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

## Paragraph 2 Areas of Cooperation

The Participants will support and encourage exchange programs, experience and information providing mutual interest among sports institutions, higher sports education institutions, federations (associations) and other sports institutions of the Participants in the fields of physical education and sports on the following priority areas:

- a) High performance;
- b) Sports science and medicine, sports nutrition;
- c) Mass sports (Sports for all);
- d) Sports technology and sports infrastructure;
- e) Sports for persons with disabilities;
- f) Cooperation in all sports;
- g) Sport management;
- h) Other areas that the Participants consider necessary within this MOC.

## Paragraph 3 Implementation of Cooperation

The Participants will implement this MoC through jointly decided plans and programs. These plans and programs will determine the procedure for carrying out the necessary activities, their deadlines and other issues arising from this MoC.

#### Paragraph 4 Financial Matters

All financial conditions of the activities carried out within the framework of joint activities and programs under this MoC will be decided by the Participants in advance.

#### Paragraph 5 Rights and obligations

This MoC is not an international agreement and not intended to create any legal rights and obligations and to give rise to any legal liability under international law.

## Paragraph 6 Dispute Settlement

Any dispute related to the interpretation or application of this MoC is resolved through consultations and negotiations between the Participants through diplomatic channels.

#### Paragraph 7 Modification

By mutual written consent of the Participants, this MoC may be modified and supplemented, which will be an integral part of it.

#### Paragraph 8 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 of the cooperation under this MOC.

# Paragraph 9 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.

#### Paragraph 10 Commencement, Duration and Termination

The cooperation under this MoC will commence on the date of signing and continue for a period of five (5) years. The duration is automatically prolonged on the subsequent five-year periods, unless any of the Participants notifies the other Participant in writing of the intention to terminate the cooperation under this MoC not later than 6 (six) months before the end of the corresponding period.

The termination does not influence the implementation of initiated and ongoing projects and / or works under this MoC.

Signed in Tokyo on 18 December 2019 in the English language.

For the Japan Sports Agency

For the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports of the

Republic of Uzbekistan

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