

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE DIGITAL AGENCY OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF DIGITAL ECONOMY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF the
HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
IN THE AREA OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

The Digital Agency of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “**DA Japan**”) and the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (hereinafter referred to as “**MoDEE**”), hereinafter referred to individually as “a Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”, hereby formulate this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “**MoC**”) concerning cooperation in the field of Digital Government.

ITEM 1
Objectives for Cooperation

The objective of this MoC is to develop a long-term and sustainable cooperation, on the basis of mutual interest in the areas of Digital Government and in line with the relevant laws and regulations of each country, and the relevant norms and principles. This MoC does not create any legally binding rights or obligations on each Participant, whether under international or domestic law.

ITEM 2
Areas of Cooperation

The main areas of cooperation between the Participants will include, but will not be limited to the following, within their respective competencies:

1. Cooperation and sharing of best practices in the areas of Digital Government with special emphasis on:

- New digital technologies including AI, IoT, Blockchain, cloud and robotics
 - Data (Governance, Usage, Privacy)
 - E-payment
 - Digital ID
 - Green IT
 - Smart Cities including the Vision for a Digital Garden City Nation
2. Cooperation in building capacities and trainings in the above-mentioned areas.
 3. Exchange of information, experiences and lessons learned in the fields of digital government transformation and reforming traditional approaches to technology adoption.
 4. Cooperation in the area of e-Governance and e-Public Services Delivery through sharing of best practices, participation in conferences, study visits and exchange of experts.
 5. Cooperation with a view to materializing the concept of the Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT).
 6. Exchange of experience, expertise and knowledge in new digital technologies including AI, IoT, cloud, Block chain and robotics.
 7. Collaboration in the fields of the digital economy, startup ecosystems, as well as innovative solutions.

ITEM 3

Funding and Resources

1. The conduct of cooperative activities, carried out under this MoC will be subject to availability of existing funds and other resources of the Participants.
2. Unless otherwise decided by the Participants in writing, all costs and expenses incurred by a Participant in relation to or in connection with this MoC will be borne solely by the Participant that incurred such costs and expenses.

ITEM 4

Implementation of MoC

1. This MoC will be implemented by recommendation of a Technical Working Group (hereinafter referred to as “the Working Group”) composed of the representatives of each Participant. The composition of the Working Group will be identified and will be decided by the Participants before each meeting of the Working Group.
2. The dates and agendas of the Working Group meetings will be decided in advance by the Participants.

3. English will be the working language during the joint activities to implement this MoC.

ITEM 5

Confidentiality and intellectual property protection

Each Participant will ensure appropriate protection of intellectual property rights generated from cooperation in line with this MoC, consistent with each Participant's respective laws, rules and regulations and international agreements to which each country of the Participants is a party.

ITEM 6

Confidentiality of Information

Neither Participant will disclose or distribute any confidential information that is supplied by the other Participant, in the conduct of cooperative activities under this MoC, to any third party, except when a Participant informs the other Participant about supplying/providing such information to the extent approved in writing by the Participants beforehand.

ITEM 7

International Obligations

Any provisions of this MoC will not affect the rights and obligations deriving from international agreements to which each country of the Participants is a party.

ITEM 8

Settlement of Disagreements

Any disagreement about the interpretation or implementation of this MoC will be resolved by consultations between the Participants.

ITEM 9

Commencement, Duration, and Termination

1. This MoC will commence on the date of its signing by the designated

- representatives of the Participants and will continue for a period of three (3) years.
2. The Participants may renew this MoC for a period of one (1) year upon mutual written consent.
 3. The Participants may modify this MoC upon their mutual written consent.
 4. A Participant may terminate this MoC for any reason by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Participant.
 5. Termination of this MoC will not affect the implementation of the projects and programs between the Participants commenced during the duration of this MoC.

Signed on Tuesday of 18/7/2023, in English language.

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