

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION in the field of digital  
transformation between  
the Digital Agency of Japan and the Ministry of Digital Transformation of  
Ukraine, the Administration of the State Service of Special  
Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine**

**The Digital Agency of Japan and the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, the Administration of the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine** hereinafter referred to collectively as the Participants, and individually as a Participant,

*desiring* to promote cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual interest,

*recognizing* the importance of the digitization in sphere of economy, politics and social life as well as strengthening resilience of digital society,

*considering* the mutual interest in improving and expanding cooperation to facilitate the exchange of experience in the field of digital transformation with the aim of strengthening the existing systems in the respective countries in this area,

*based* on the principles of openness, transparency, legality, respect to human rights and freedoms, creation of equal opportunities for activities and long-term mutual cooperation with maximum utilization of the Participants' potential to achieve this goal,

have decided as follows:

**Paragraph 1. Purpose and General Matters**

1.1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as this Memorandum) is to create and develop cooperative mechanisms within the competence of each Participant on:

- sustainable digital development, building a digital economy, implementation of digital innovations,
- building e-government,
- development of e-participation,
- information society, digital skills, national electronic information resources,
- infrastructure for broadband Internet and electronic communications,
- e-commerce and IT-industry,
- optimization of public (electronic public) including administrative services, providing, development of electronic trust services, electronic identification and authentication;
- advancing the development of digitalization including ensuring of cybersecurity in close collaboration with relevant cybersecurity authority of the Participants,
- ensuring the rights of citizens to access public information, and

- promoting the development of artificial intelligence and blockchain.

1.2. This Memorandum is considered as a basis for further activities aimed at the development of collaboration and cooperation.

1.3. The Participants will act in line with this Memorandum within the competence in accordance with national legislation of the Participants, and with other agreements and/or treaties to which both countries are parties.

1.4. The Participants intend to provide comprehensive support for the development of the cooperation between the Participants in line with this Memorandum, and to inform each other about activities aimed at its development.

## **Paragraph 2. Forms of Cooperation**

2.1. Cooperation between Participants under this Memorandum may be carried out in the competence of each Participant in the following forms:

- exchanges of experiences and best practices in the field of digital transformation through organization of seminars, conferences, forums, hackathons and workshops among specialists of the Participants,
- spreading knowledge and experience in the sphere of digital development through the exchange of information in accordance with current legislation, in order to organize effective cooperation,
- exchange of experiences and best practices in the sphere of protection of the systems and networks within the competence of each Participant particularly in response to external attacks and information protection,
- taking measures to attract international technical assistance and investments in accordance with the legislation of respective countries to achieve the purpose of this Memorandum.

## **Paragraph 3. Implementation**

3.1. The Participants appoint persons of contact to facilitate, monitor and review the implementation of this Memorandum.

3.2. By mutual consent of the Participants, other participants may be engaged in the performance of activities aimed at the implementation of this Memorandum.

3.3 The implementation of activities in the forms specified in Paragraph 2 of this Memorandum is taking place according to relevant Participants' internal rules and procedures.

3.4 This Memorandum is not legally binding and does not create for the Participants any financial obligations and other obligations under the international and national laws and regulations.

#### **Paragraph 4. Commencement, Modification and Termination**

4.1. This Memorandum will commence on the date of its signature by the authorized representatives of the Participants, and will remain continuing until either Participant notifies the other Participant of its termination in writing, which should be sent at least three (3) months before the desired date of termination.

4.2. Modification to this Memorandum can be made by mutual consent of the Participants, and will be documented that will be an integral part of this Memorandum.

4.3. Termination of this Memorandum will not affect the status and term of activities and arrangements not completed by the time of termination of this Memorandum.

4.4. Any dispute regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled by the Participants through consultation and mutual consent.

Signed at Tokyo and Kyiv on May 10, 2023, in three copies.

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