

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN

THE DIGITAL AGENCY OF JAPAN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY AGENCY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

IN THE AREA OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT**

The Digital Agency of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “**DA Japan**”) and the Government Technology Agency of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to as “**GovTech SG**”), (hereinafter individually referred to as the “Participant” and collectively referred to as the “Participants”) have reached the following common recognition:

1. This Memorandum of Cooperation between the DA Japan and GovTech SG in the area of Digital Government (hereinafter referred to as “this MoC”) recognises that:

(i) GovTech SG's mandate is to drive digital transformation within the Singapore public sector. GovTech SG harnesses info-communication and related technologies for the benefit of Singapore and Singaporeans.

and

(ii) The mission of the DA Japan is to lead human-friendly digitalization: “No one left behind”, and strives to create the future of Japan we all could take pride in and to envision a digital society where diverse forms of happiness are realized.

SCOPE

2. With a view to assisting each other to become better at what they do, the Participants will cooperate and focus their activities in the following areas:

(i) sharing their respective experience in developing the digital government experience – such as in the areas of artificial intelligence, cloud services, cybersecurity, digital identity, inclusive design, Data Free Flow with Trust (DFFT), Web 3 etc.;

(ii) building capabilities by sharing of skills and co-organising training courses, programmes and workshops;

(iii) fostering collaboration by organising meetings between senior leaders of each Participant and jointly publishing a Singapore-Japan digital government report; and

(iv) supporting each other's digital government events.

PRINCIPLES

3. The Participants endeavour to work towards and conduct their activities based on the principles of:

(i) having a user-centric design – designing digital government services to serve the needs of citizens and businesses;

(ii) supporting open, inclusive and transparent government – including promoting open standards and open-source technology; and

(iii) supporting accessible services for all.

PUBLICITY

4. The Participants will work jointly on any announcement or communication to the media or public relating to or in connection with this MoC. No Participant will release any such announcement or communication without the prior written consent of the other Participant.

COSTS AND EXPENSES

5. 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.

CONFIDENTIALITY

6. The Participants confirm that any information exchanged between them in connection with or relating to this MoC, or any information provided by one Participant to the other Participant that is by its nature confidential or marked as being confidential, will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed or given to any third party by the Participant receiving such information without the prior written consent of the Participant that supplied the information.

NO LEGAL EFFECT

7. The Participants acknowledge that the paragraphs of this MoC represent their common intentions. This MoC does not and is not intended to create or impose any legal obligation (whether internationally or otherwise) or liability of any kind on either Participant.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

8. In the event of any dispute arising under this MoC, the Participants will resolve such dispute amicably by mutual negotiations and discussions conducted in good faith without reference to any court or tribunal.

COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

9. This MoC will commence on the date of signing and will remain in effect for three (3) years.

The Participants may renew this MoC for a further period of three (3) years upon mutual written consent.

No part of this MoC will be altered, changed, supplemented or modified except where decided in writing by the Participants.

A Participant may terminate this MoC by giving written notice to the other Participant at least three (3) months prior to its intention to terminate this MoC.

The Participants aim to monitor and review the progress of activities carried out under this MoC at least once annually *via* in-person meeting, video conferencing or written correspondences.

Signed by the Participants on 25 May 2022 in two (2) copies in the English language.

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