

MEMORANDUM

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF JAPAN

AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF FINLAND

ON

COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF DEFENCE

The Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of Finland (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants" and individually referred to as a "Participant");

Noting with satisfaction the existing cooperation and exchanges between the Participants in the field of defence;

Recognising the mutual benefits of cooperation and exchanges between the Participants in the field of defence;

Desiring to strengthen defence cooperation and exchanges between the Participants based on the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual interest;

Have decided to make this Memorandum:

PARAGRAPH 1
PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

- 1.1. The cooperation and exchanges between the Participants under this Memorandum, will be carried out in conformity with the laws and regulations and international commitments of the respective countries of the Participants based on the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual interest.

PARAGRAPH 2
SCOPE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES

- 2.1. The Participants will promote exchanges as follows:
 - a. High-level exchanges;
 - b. Working-level exchanges; and
 - c. Unit-to-unit exchanges.
- 2.2. The exchanges between the Participants will be conducted for the purpose of sharing knowledge and promoting cooperation in the following areas:
 - a. Regional and international defence and security situations;
 - b. Defence and security policies;
 - c. Defence equipment and technology;
 - d. International cooperation activities;
 - e. Training and education;
 - f. Disarmament and arms control; and
 - g. Other areas as mutually decided by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 3
INFORMATION SECURITY

- 3.1. The Participants will ensure that any information exchanged or generated in the process of their exchanges mentioned in paragraph 2 will be handled appropriately and with due regard to its sensitive nature, in accordance with their respective domestic laws and regulations and international commitments.

PARAGRAPH 4
NON-BINDING EFFECT

- 4.1. This Memorandum does not give rise to legally binding rights or obligations under international law. This Memorandum is not intended to supersede laws and regulations or international commitments of the respective countries of the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 5
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 5.1. Any dispute regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be resolved through consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 6
FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE

- 6.1. Each Participant will bear its own expenses arising from the conduct of cooperation and exchanges under this Memorandum, unless otherwise mutually decided in writing by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 7
COMMENCEMENT, DURATION, DISCONTINUATION, AND MODIFICATION

- 7.1. This Memorandum will commence on the date of signature by the Participants and will continue for a period of five (5) years and will automatically be extended for another five (5) years.
- 7.2. In the event that either Participant wishes to discontinue this Memorandum, it will give a written notice to the other Participant at least six (6) months prior to the discontinuation date. The discontinuation of the Memorandum will not affect any on-going programs or activities under this Memorandum, unless otherwise decided by the Participants.
- 7.3. This Memorandum may be modified by written consent of the Participants.

Signed in Tokyo on February 5th, 2019 in duplicate in the English language.

**For the Ministry of Defense
of Japan**

**For the Ministry of Defence
of Finland**

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