

MEMORANDUM
ON
DEFENCE CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGES
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

This Memorandum is between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of the Government of Republic of India, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties".

The Parties,

RECALLING the Joint Statement on "Intensifying the Strategic and Global Partnership" issued by the Prime Ministers of the two countries;

DESIRING to expand cooperative defence relations between the Parties based on the Joint Declaration on Security Co-operation between Japan and India;

RECOGNISING that such co-operation would be of mutual benefit and should be carried out in an effective, orderly, purposive and continuous manner on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit;

RESPECTING the commitments undertaken by the respective Parties at the international level;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Purpose

The Purpose of this Memorandum is to broaden and develop co-operation and exchanges in defence matters between the Parties.

Article 2

Scope and Areas of Co-operation

2.1 Subject to the respective national laws and regulations, the Parties will encourage and promote defence cooperation and exchanges in any or all of the following areas:

(a) High Level Exchanges:

- (i) Regular bilateral meetings between the Ministers of Defence;
- (ii) Regular defence policy dialogue at the level of Administrative Vice-Minister of Defense/Defence Secretary;
- (iii) Regular reciprocal meetings between the Service Chiefs;

(b) Service to Service Exchanges:

- (i) Regular Staff Talks between the Services, as agreed;
- (ii) Regular bilateral naval trainings between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Indian Navy;
- (iii) Other naval exercises;
- (iv) Exchanges between Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Indian Navy other than trainings, including ship visits as mutually decided;
- (v) Exchanges between the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and Indian Army as mutually decided;

- (vi) Exchanges between the Japan Air Self-Defense Force and the Indian Air Force as mutually decided;
- (c) Co-operation in non-traditional security area:
 - (i) UN peacekeeping operations;
 - (ii) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief;
 - (iii) Anti-piracy;
 - (iv) Counter-terrorism.
- (d) Education and Research Exchanges:
 - (i) Exchanges of students between defence educational institutions of the Parties;
 - (ii) Exchanges of academic researchers between defence educational and research institutions of the Parties;
 - (iii) Participation in defence seminars and conferences;
 - (iv) Exchanges in military sports and cultural activities as mutually decided;
- (e) Co-operation in Defence Equipment and Technology;
- (f) Exchange of views on mutual interests:

The Parties will exchange views on matters of mutual interest in the defence area at various levels for the purpose of sharing knowledge and experience for further co-operation in the areas mutually consulted and decided;
- (g) Co-operation and exchanges between the Parties are not limited to those listed above. The Parties may consider and conduct defence co-operation and exchanges in other areas as they mutually determine.

2.2 The Parties may make separate arrangements, as mutually required, for implementation of activities under the framework of this Memorandum.

Article 3

Financial Arrangements

Each Party will bear the cost of its participation and that of its personnel engaged in cooperation and exchanges under this Memorandum.

Article 4

Non-Binding Effect

The Parties recognise that this Memorandum does not give rise to legally binding rights or obligations under national and international laws, and the above mentioned activities will be conducted subject to the respective national laws and regulations and within the limit of budgetary appropriations of each country.

Article 5

Information Security

The Parties agree to ensure that any information acquired in the process of their defence co-operation and exchanges under this Memorandum is treated appropriately or, if applicable, as per the stated requirement of originating party, and will not be released to third parties without the prior written consent of the originating defence authority, subject to the respective national laws and regulations and fully taking into account the requests from the other party.

Article 6

Consultations

Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be settled by mutual consultation between the Parties.

Article 7

Commencement, Termination and Modification

7.1 This Memorandum will commence on the date of its signature and remain valid for a period of five years. It will be extended automatically for equivalent periods, unless either Party notifies the other in writing at least six months before the end of its duration of its desire to terminate the Memorandum.

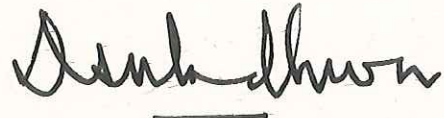
7.2 This Memorandum may be modified upon mutual written consent of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Memorandum.

Signed at Tokyo on the 1 September 2014 in duplicate in the English, Hindi and Japanese languages, all three texts having equal value. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.



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