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Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council Secretariat, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (the MAFF/AFFRCS) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the State of Israel (the MARD) on the support for joint research in Agriculture science.

On 30th of November 2016, witnessed by H.E Ms. Ruth Kahanof, Ambassador of Israel to Japan, a MOC - aimed at supporting joint research in Agriculture science between both countries, was signed between Mr. Masamichi Saigo (Director General of the MAFF/AFFRCS) and Mr. Avi Perl (Chief scientist of the MARD).



On May 2014, in a joint statement on the occasion of the visit of Prime Minister Netanyahu in Japan, both countries confirmed the importance of cooperation in the agriculture and fishery industries, including an exchange of agricultural research institutes, and on January 2015, the Israeli government approved a strategy for a reinforcing of the economic cooperation between Israel and Japan.

On April 2015, an exchange between researchers of both countries was agreed upon at the meeting of Mr. Saigo and H.E Ambassador Kahanof. In response to this, a Japanese mission visited Israel to explore the possibility of joint research. They visited agricultural research institutes and exchanged opinions with Israeli researchers and then concluded that discussion will proceed in various fields.

On 30th November, at the MAFF/AFFRCS office, a MOC- aimed at supporting joint research in Agriculture between both countries was signed between Mr. Saigo - Director General, Mr. Perl - chief scientist, who visited in Japan to participate in the NARO-ARO International symposium, and H.E Ambassador Kahanof.

The conclusion for this cooperation is based on the joint statement of 2014 and is expected to be one of the efforts to strengthen cooperation between both countries in the agriculture and fishery industries. Specific cooperative themes are currently being discussed between both countries.

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