

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES RESEARCH COUNCIL
SECRETARIAT, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES OF
JAPAN**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

ON

**A COORDINATED GRANT COMPETITION FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE**

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The Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council Secretariat of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the MAFF/AFFRCS") and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to as "the MARD"), hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants" and individually as "Participant",

Based on the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the State of Israel on Cooperation in Science and Technology, signed on December 12, 1994;

In order to develop bilateral cooperation in the field of agricultural sciences,

Have reached the following:

Item 1

1.1. The Participants, acting within their jurisdiction, in line with the applicable national laws and international obligations of their respective states, will jointly coordinate grant competition to conduct basic and exploratory research in agricultural sciences by international research teams (hereinafter referred to as "Competitions").

1.2. The grants will be provided by the Participants for the implementation of research projects (hereinafter referred to as "Projects"), for conducting basic and exploratory research (hereinafter referred to as "Research").

1.3. The Competitions will be open for participation of the international research teams, and each of them should consist of Japanese and Israeli researchers and support staff, when necessary.

1.4. The collaborative activities promoted and supported under the Projects should meet the following requirements:

(a) All collaborative activities must be of a high scientific standard and be beneficial to the advancement of science and agriculture;

(b) Each collaborative activity should be significant from a scientific point of view, and be able to stand as a suitable project for bilateral cooperation; and

(c) All cooperation under the Projects under the Item 1.2. should be performed on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Item 2

2.1. A grant of the MARD will be provided for Israeli researchers, representing the part of an international research team, conducting frontier or exploratory research on the basis of a Israeli scientific organization, an Israeli educational institution of higher education, or an international (interstate and intergovernmental) science organization located in Israel,

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(hereinafter referred to as “Israeli organization”) on the terms of gratuitousness and irrevocability of the grant, in line with the results of the Competitions, held on conditions stipulated by the MARD.

2.2. A grant of the MAFF/AFFRCS will be provided for researchers in Japan, representing the part of an international research team, conducting basic and exploratory research on the basis of a Japanese organization (hereinafter referred to as “Japanese organization”), in line with the results of the Competitions, held on conditions stipulated by the MAFF/AFFRCS.

2.3. Grants, provided by one of the Participants, cannot be used to finance the national representatives of the international scientific team of the other Participant.

Item 3

3.1. The Competitions will be announced simultaneously by the Participants.

Item 4

4.1. The Japanese and Israeli organizations will submit the proposals in the English language to the Participants, in line with the regulations of the Participants. The proposals submitted to the Participants will contain identical information about the proposed project.

Item 5

5.1. The winners of the Competitions will be international research teams, funded by the grants of the Participants.

Item 6

6.1. Each Participant will ensure legal means for the protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of all materials obtained under this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “this MOC”), in line with the laws and regulations in force in its country. It will be the responsibility of the partners to the Projects supported under this MOC to safeguard their own interests.

6.2. Subject to the national laws of the Participants, the institutions of the partners to a specific project from which IPR have arisen as a result of their joint activity in line with this MOC will be entitled to, or irrevocably licensed to use, the said IPR. Specific allocation of the said IPR between the said institutions will be set out, by mutual consent, in separate consortium Memoranda between them, prior to the commencement of any joint activity from which a potential IPR is expected to result.

6.3. No Participant will transmit any commercially valuable confidential information obtained in relation to the cooperation under this MOC to any third party without prior written

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consent of the Participant which such information originated. The Participant which discloses confidential information to the other Participant will ensure that such information is clearly marked as being confidential.

Item 7

7.1. The Participants will notify each other in advance of any changes in the regulations for the provision of grants by the Participants.

7.2. The Participants will contribute to coverage of the Projects in the media, including on their own Internet-sites.

Item 8

8.1 Cooperation under this MOC will be subject to the availability of each Participant's personnel and financial resources.

Item 9

9.1. Each of the Participants may exercise independent control over the expenditure of funds allocated by it.

9.2. Each of the Participants will timely inform and advise the other Participant in regard to the laws of the state of the informing Participant, affecting the implementation of Projects under this MOC.

Item 10

10.1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence from the date of its signing and will continue for a period of six (6) years. It will be automatically extended for another 6-year period, unless either Participant notifies the other Participant of its intention to terminate the cooperation under this MOC.

10.2. The cooperation under this MOC may be terminated at any time, as long as either Participant sends a written notice six (6) month in advance prior to the termination.

10.3. Joint activities of the Participants, which were not completed by the time of the termination of cooperation under this MOC, may be continued to completion by the decision of the Participants, in line with the Items of this MOC.

10.4. The Participants will notify each other in a timely manner of contentious issues and difficulties arising from the implementation of Projects. All problems and disputes relating to the implementation of the cooperation under this MOC will be settled by mutual consent.

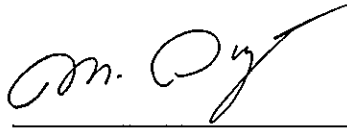
10.5. This MOC does not create any legal obligations and rights governed by international law.



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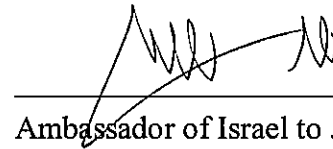
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