

Memorandum of Cooperation
between
the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan
and
the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization
of the Republic of Moldova
in the Digital Field

Based on shared values and principles such as freedom, democracy, the rule of law, respect for human rights, and respect for sovereignty, Japan and the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter referred to individually as “Country” and collectively as “both Countries”) have continued to build upon their close and growing partnership.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter referred to individually as “Side” and collectively as “both Sides”),

Considering the aim to strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of digital with a view to promoting the economic and social development of both Countries;

Recognizing the importance of appropriate policies and regulations in order to accomplish a sound digital environment; and

Recognizing also the importance of the effective use of digital and its various applications in improving the quality of life of people,

Have reached the following recognition:

Paragraph 1. Objective

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “MOC”) is to strengthen cooperation in the field of digital between both Sides, in line with the national laws and regulations of each Country.

Paragraph 2. Areas of Cooperation

Both Sides will cooperate in the following areas:

- 1) Safe, secure and trustworthy AI
 - a) Exchange of information which helps to foster AI governance such as regulations or guidelines formulated by each Side.
 - b) Exchange of information which helps to developing AI ecosystem.
- 2) Cybersecurity
 - a) Exchange of information on best practices and human resource development initiatives related to cybersecurity.
- 3) Open, secure and resilient digital infrastructure
 - a) Exchange of information on the diversification of vendors for the 5th generation of mobile communication system (5G), including the Open Radio Access Networks (Open RAN).

Paragraph 3. Implementation

The cooperation between both Sides prescribed in Paragraph 2 may be implemented through the followings:

- a) Exchange of information between officials from both Sides, including online meetings.
- b) Holding seminars, workshops, symposia and other related events, including those attended by public and private organisations from both Countries.
- c) Implementation of joint programmes and projects of mutual interests; and
- d) Any other forms of cooperation that may be jointly decided upon by both Sides.

Paragraph 4. Governance

- a) Both Sides acknowledge that this MOC will not be deemed as an international agreement and will not constitute or create any legal rights or obligations.

- b) Both Sides will not use information or documents exchanged through the cooperation under this MOC for purposes other than the intended or decided. Each Side will not provide such information or documents to a third party without the prior written consent, including electronic methods such as e-mail, of the other Side.
- c) The cooperation under this MOC commences on the date of its signature and continues for a period of three (3) years, being automatically renewed for equal successive periods, unless either Side informs the other of the decision of non-renewal under the conditions of the following matter.
- d) The decision not to renew this MOC, or to suspend its application, should be transmitted to the other Side at least sixty (60) days in advance, before the end of the current period or the date on which the suspension commences.
- e) This MOC may be modified at any time by written consent, including electronic methods such as e-mail, between both Sides.

Signed in Chişinău, the Republica Moldova, on the 2nd of May 2026 in two original copies in the English language, both copies having equal value.

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Communications of Japan**

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