

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY,  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
AND  
THE AICHI PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT, JAPAN  
ON  
MUTUAL ECONOMIC EXCHANGE**

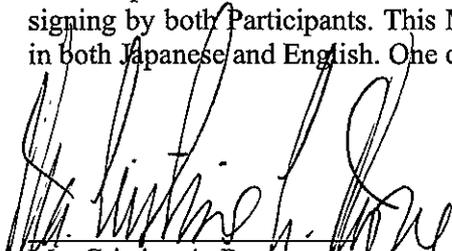
The Department of Trade and Industry of the Republic of the Philippines and the Aichi Prefectural Government of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "Participants"), subject to their respective mandates, the availability of funds and other resources, and the limitations set forth under their applicable laws, rules, and regulations, hereby agree to the following in order to deepen mutual understanding and friendship, as well as to cooperate in promoting economic exchange between Aichi and the Philippines, with the aim of contributing to the development of both Participants:

- I. Both Participants will provide joint assistance to promote economic exchange between companies in each country/region so that they can both develop their active cooperation and exchange programs in each partner country/region. In line with this policy, both Participants will focus their efforts on the following areas:
  1. Both Participants will share information regarding the needs for industrial exchange and cooperation through mutual visits and/or other activities.
  2. When either of the Participant wishes to carry out economic exchange projects such as investment seminars, meetings, and/or business matching opportunities, both Participants will cooperate with each other to the fullest possible extent.
  3. Both Participants will cooperate to the fullest possible extent by providing necessary information regarding the activities and investments of companies and other entities from one Participant's country/region in the other Participant's country/region.
  
- II. When implementing the economic exchange projects mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, both Participants shall proceed through mutual consultation and coordination. The contact points for both Participants shall be as follows:
  - Investment and Trade Division, Industry Department, Bureau of Economy and Industry, Aichi Prefectural Government
  - Industry Development and Investment Promotions Group, the Department of Trade and Industry, Republic of the Philippines.
  
- III. The Participants, in the performance of their respective commitments under this Memorandum of Understanding, shall ensure the privacy and security of any and all confidential, privileged, personal, and/or sensitive personal information to which the Participants may have access, if any. Such information shall be stored, used,

processed, and disposed of in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations of each Participant.

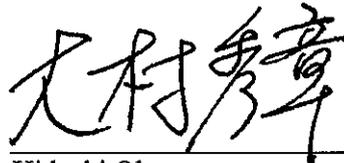
- IV. This Memorandum of Understanding is a voluntary statement expressing the mutual intention of both Participants to collaborate, cooperate, and provide support, and does not create any legally binding obligations or rights between the Participants, nor is it enforceable in any court or tribunal.
- V. This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby signed based on the agreement between the Participants. In the event of any differences arising during its implementation, such matters shall be resolved through consultations based on the principles of mutual understanding and mutual benefit.
- VI. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of both Participants. It shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years from the date of signature and shall be automatically renewed for successive three-year terms unless either party provides written notice of non-renewal 30 days prior to the current expiry date. Termination shall not affect the completion of ongoing activities already agreed upon, unless otherwise mutually decided.

The cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding commences from the date of its signing by both Participants. This Memorandum of Understanding has been made in two copies, in both Japanese and English. One copy of each is to be retained by each Participant.



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Republic of the Philippines

Date: 16/2/2026



Hideaki Ohmura  
Governor  
Aichi Prefecture  
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Date: 16/2/2026