

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE FAIR TRADE COMMISSION OF JAPAN
AND
THE BANGLADESH COMPETITION COMMISSION**

The Fair Trade Commission of Japan (JFTC) and the Bangladesh Competition Commission (BCC) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “both Sides”, and individually referred to as a “Side”),

Recognizing the importance of cooperation and coordination between both Sides in order to enhance an environment in which the effective enforcement of competition law and policy supports the efficient markets and economic welfare of the citizens of Japan and Bangladesh;

Recognizing the value and importance of mutual cooperation in the effective implementation of competition law and policy in the respective countries; and

Recognizing that establishing good communication between both Sides on competition law and policy will contribute to improving and strengthening the relationship between both Sides,

Have hereby expressed the following intention.

**Paragraph 1
Definitions**

For the purposes of this Memorandum, “competition law” means:

- (a) for Japan, the Law Concerning Prohibition of Private Monopoly and Maintenance of Fair Trade (Law No. 54, 1947) and its implementing regulations as well as any amendments thereto; and
- (b) for People’s Republic of Bangladesh, the Competition Act, 2012 (Act no. XXIII of 2012) and its implementing rules/regulations as well as any amendments thereto.

**Paragraph 2
Purpose of Cooperation**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to contribute to the effective enforcement of the competition law of each country through the development of cooperative relationship between both Sides.

Paragraph 3

Scope of Cooperation

3.1. Both Sides will cooperate in the following areas, within the laws and regulations of their respective country, the common interest of both Sides and their respective reasonably available resources:

- (a) Exchange of Information and Experience
 - a. providing the other Side with information relevant to the enforcement of the competition law by the other Side;
 - b. exchanging information on new/proposed legislation on competition, including publications and other publicly available documents;
 - c. exchanging experiences on the enforcement of the competition law of each country, when appropriate;
 - d. exchanging information regarding matters of competition policy and enforcement of the competition law of each country; and
 - e. any other form of exchange of information and experience as either Side may decide.
- (b) Technical Cooperation
 - a. exchange of personnel of both Sides for training purposes;
 - b. participation of personnel of both Sides as lecturers or consultants at training courses on the implementation of competition law and policy organized or sponsored by either or both Sides; and
 - c. any other form of technical cooperation as either Side may decide.

3.2. Both Sides will appoint the following liaisons for the purpose of facilitating cooperation under this Memorandum, and will ensure effective communication and cooperation between the liaisons. The liaisons of each Side are as follows:

- (a) for JFTC: International Affairs Division, Secretariat, General Secretariat; and
- (b) for BCC: Advocacy, Policy and International Relation Division.

Paragraph 4

Confidentiality

4.1. Each Side will, in line with the laws and regulations of its country, maintain the confidentiality of any information provided to it in confidence by the other Side under this Memorandum.

4.2. Information, other than publicly available information, provided by one Side to the other under this Memorandum, will be used by the receiving Side only for the purpose of effective enforcement of the competition law of its country and will not be disclosed by the receiving Side to any third party.

4.3. Notwithstanding any other paragraphs of this Memorandum, neither Side is required to provide information

to the other Side if it is prohibited from providing the information by the laws and regulations of its country or if it finds providing the information incompatible with its important interests.

4.4. Information, other than publicly available information, provided by one Side to the other under this Memorandum, will not be used by the receiving Side in criminal proceedings carried out by a court or a judge of the country of the receiving Side.

4.5. This paragraph will not preclude the use or disclosure of information provided under this Memorandum to the extent such use or disclosure is required by the laws and regulations of the country of the receiving Side. In such case, the receiving Side will, wherever possible, give advance notice of any such use or disclosure to the providing Side.

Paragraph 5

Miscellaneous

This Memorandum will not create any legally binding rights or obligations on both Sides or their respective governments.

Paragraph 6

Commencement, Discontinuation and Modification

6.1. The cooperation under this Memorandum will commence on the date of signature.

6.2. Either Side may discontinue the cooperation under this Memorandum with 60(sixty) days prior written notice to the other Side.

6.3. This Memorandum may be modified by the mutual written consent of both Sides.

Paragraph 7

Settlement of Disputes

Both Sides will resolve any discrepancies or disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of this Memorandum through consultations.

Signed on _____ day of _____ 2025 in Tokyo in duplicate in English, both texts having equal values.

For the Fair Trade Commission of Japan

For the Bangladesh Competition Commission

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