

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OF CANADA
and
THE OSAKA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
on
COOPERATION ON CLEAN TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY

The Province of British Columbia of Canada and the Osaka Prefectural Government of Japan (hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”), wishing to cooperate on the clean technology industry have reached the following understanding:

RECOGNIZING that a clean environment and a strong economy can co-exist, and that the Participants have a shared interest in these;

AFFIRMING that promoting and adopting the use of clean technologies and energy efficient goods and services would support the transition to a low carbon economy and cleaner environment; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that each Participant has expertise that can be harnessed and, through cooperation, support the economic priorities of both jurisdictions.

1. PURPOSE

The Participants have reached an understanding on formalizing a cooperative framework for discussion, information exchange and cooperative activities, with the aim of expanding and strengthening cooperation between them in the area of clean technology industry. Targeted areas include: hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles, electric vehicles and related batteries/charging and fueling facility or infrastructure, and accelerating the transformation to a low carbon economy.

2. COOPERATION PRIORITIES

The Participants will work cooperatively in the following areas:

- a. Exchanging information on their clean technology and related policies, programs and practices;
- b. Promoting cooperation among the Participants’ enterprises and research institutions in clean technology and energy efficient goods and services;

- c. Cooperating in arranging business exchange events such as networking events, business matching events, seminars, company visits, research institute visits, and welcoming company missions, organized by either the Participants or relevant organizations or research institutions;
- d. Cooperating on and coordinating consultation to assist Osaka and British Columbia companies to participate and invest in each other's clean technology sectors;
- e. Encouraging two-way exports of clean technologies, products, and services;
- f. Encouraging representatives from the Participants' governments, companies, and institutions to participate in clean technology trade shows, conferences, workshops, and training sessions, and encouraging communication between government agencies, companies, and institutions; and
- g. Other cooperative activities as decided by the Participants.

3. COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

- a. To facilitate direct government-to-government dialogue, a work team, comprised of representatives of each Participant, will be established to coordinate and implement this MOU.
- b. The Participants designate the following as their liaison organizations for the purpose of implementing and managing cooperative activities under this MOU.
 - Province of British Columbia - Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery, and Innovation | British Columbia Trade and Investment, Japan Office (Tokyo)
 - Osaka Prefectural Government – Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor | Growth Industry Promotion Office, International Business and Investment Division
- c. In coordinating and implementing the above-noted cooperation priorities, the Participants will work together with relevant organizations or research institutions in the area of clean technology and energy efficient goods and services, in a way that the implementation could encourage further business matching, or research and development project among the Participants' enterprises and research institutions.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- a. The intention of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote cooperation between the Participants and is not legally binding.

- b. This MOU does not eliminate pre-existing arrangements or MOUs between the Participants or their ministries and agencies.
- c. Each Participant will conduct the cooperative activities under this MOU at its discretion, subject to the availability of funds and personnel of each Participant.
- d. Any differences with respect to the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be amicably resolved through consultation and dialogue between the Participants and will not be referred to third parties for resolution.

5. EFFECTIVE TERM

This Memorandum of Understanding:

- a. Is effective on the date of execution and remains in effect for five (5) years;
- b. May be modified, including extension, by mutual written consent by the Participants;
and
- c. May be terminated by either of the participants by giving six (6) months' written notice to the other Participant.

ORIGINALLY SIGNED IN DUPLICATE ON THE 16TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2016 IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

EXTENDED FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS FROM 16TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2021 BY DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ENGLISH AND JAPANESE LANGUAGES, EACH VERSION BEING EQUALLY VALID.

For the Province of British Columbia

For Osaka Prefectural Government

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