

MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION

Between the State Committee for Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan in the Field of Information and Communication Technologies

The State Committee for Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, hereinafter referred to as “both sides”,

Considering the desire to further strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT) with a view to promote economic and social development of both countries,

Recognizing the importance of appropriate policies and regulations in order to accomplish a sound ICT market environment, and

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

Have confirmed and shared the directions for mutual cooperation as follows:

Item 1

Cooperation between both sides within the framework of this Memorandum should be carried out in accordance with national laws and regulations of respective countries.

Item 2

Both sides confirmed their intention to deepen mutual cooperation in the field of ICT in order to achieve sustainable development of society and to improve quality of life. For this purpose, both sides should cooperate in the ICT-related domains as described below:

1) Policy Dialogue

Both sides should promote exchanges of views and experiences regarding ICT-related policies and regulations including competition policy and frequency allocation policy through policy dialogue.

2) Human Capacity Building

Both sides should endeavour to organize seminars and/or workshops in collaboration in order to provide opportunity for their governments and private sectors to enrich knowledge and experience in the field of ICT.

3) Business Opportunity

Both sides should organize business conferences which would provide useful information and experiences regarding the establishment of ICT infrastructure and the utilization of their applications that facilitate solution of social issues such as education, healthcare, disaster management, environment protection, etc. Both sides should support expansion of business relations between companies and organizations within their competence in accordance with national legislation of their countries.

4) Joint Projects

Both sides should endeavour to promote joint projects in the field of ICT in order to provide effective solutions for social issues by facilitating a wider use of ICT and its applications.

5) Multilateral Cooperation

Both sides should cooperate, when appropriate, in the relevant multilateral activities in the field of ICT.

Item 3

Correspondence and exchange of information between both sides related to the implementation of this Memorandum will be carried out in English.

Item 4

Modifications and additions to this Memorandum will be made subject to both sides' consent and those modifications and additions will be considered as integral part of this Memorandum.

Item 5

Any disputes and discrepancies related to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum will be solved through negotiations and consultations between both sides.

Item 6

Expenses incurred upon cooperation within the framework of implementation of this Memorandum will be borne by each side as decided by mutual consent of both sides.

Item 7

This Memorandum will commence from the date of its signing and continues for a period of three (3) years. In case there is an intention to terminate this Memorandum before the period of three (3) years, it will be notified in writing to the other side at least three (3) months before its termination.

Termination of this Memorandum will not affect any programmes or projects that are already in progress at the time of its termination.

Signed in duplicate in the city of Tashkent on 15th January, 2014, in the English language between H.E. Mr. Khurshid Mirzakhidov, Chairman of the State Committee for Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan and H.E. Ms. Yoko Kamikawa, State Secretary for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan.

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