



Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

and

Japan for UNHCR

SHARING the humanitarian commitment to provide protection and assistance to Refugees and other persons of concerns worldwide;

RECALLING UNHCR's 1988 Executive Committee decision to broaden its donor base into non-governmental and private sources;

REAFFIRMING Japan for UNHCR's substantial role in raising funds from the private sector in Japan for UNHCR's work worldwide;

RECOGNIZING also the importance of Japan for UNHCR's activities in Japan with regard to heightening public awareness of and mobilizing support for the plight of refugees;

REAFFIRMING the Principles of Partnership endorsed by the Global Humanitarian Platform in July 2007 to act in a spirit of equality, transparency, responsibility, result-oriented approach and complementarity;

SEEKING to build on the constructive and productive cooperation between UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR in the past; and

DESIRING to further develop and strengthen their collaborative partnership for the future:

UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR

hereby cooperate in particular with regard to the following activities:

- Raising funds from the private sector in Japan in support of UNHCR's protection and assistance programmes for refugees and other persons of concern worldwide; and
- Awareness raising within the civil society in Japan about the situation and needs of refugees and other people of concern worldwide.

UNHCR recognizes Japan for UNHCR as its principal partner to raise funds from the private sector in Japan and thus seeks to work as much as possible with Japan for UNHCR in raising private sector funds in Japan.

UNHCR supports Japan for UNHCR in its awareness raising and fundraising activities in Japan by providing Japan for UNHCR with information on its activities and advising Japan for UNHCR on any issues pertaining to refugee matters.

Where considered as necessary, UNHCR may also provide financial contributions to Japan for UNHCR in support of Japan for UNHCR's fundraising activities.

Japan for UNHCR maintains its independent and not-for-profit status according to the applicable national legislation and will not be affiliated with any religion or religious entity, nor any political party or other similar organization.

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into effect on the date of signature by both parties. The existing document entitled "Memorandum of Understanding", signed between the Parties on 30 August 2001, will continue to set out the terms and conditions for this mutual cooperation between the parties.

At the time of signature of this Memorandum of Understanding, the "Memorandum of Understanding" signed on 30 August 2001 is under revision. Together with this Memorandum of Understanding, the new revision to the "Memorandum of Understanding" signed on 30 August 2001 will form the basis for the cooperation between the parties in the future.

Any financial contributions by UNHCR to Japan for UNHCR are currently governed by the Partner Bipartite Agreement. Such annual agreements will also be concluded between the parties in the future if financial contributions are made by UNHCR to Japan for UNHCR.

Nothing contained in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be deemed a waiver expressed or implied of any privileges and immunities of UNHCR or the United Nations.

For UNHCR

António Guterres

UN High Commissioner for Refugees

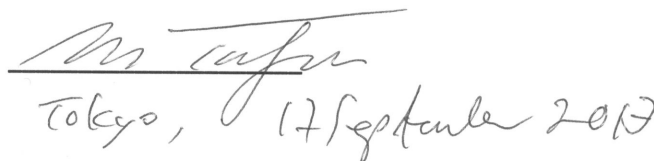
For JAPAN for UNHCR

Saburo Takizawa

Chairman of the Board



Geneva, 13 September 2013



Tokyo, 17 September 2013