

## **Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil in the Field of Agriculture and Food**

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to respectively as “side” and collectively as “both sides),

Recalling achievements of cooperation in the field of agriculture and food realized between the two countries for long time such as the Japan- Brazil Program of Cooperation for the Development of Cerrados (PRODECER);

Praising the devoted contribution by related persons, bearing in mind the significant role played by Japanese immigrants in the agricultural cooperation between the two countries and in the development of the agricultural sector in Brazil; and

Recognizing the important role played by Brazil as a traditional and trustworthy food supplier to Japan, as well as a noteworthy contributor to the global food security, and that its importance will furthermore increase in the future,

Share the view as follows:

This Memorandum is not a legally-binding instrument, and the below-mentioned activities will be conducted subject to the laws and regulations and within the limit of the budgetary appropriations of each side.

1. Both sides share the view that the Northern and North-Eastern regions of Brazil have a potential of increasing the grain production by agricultural development. Both sides particularly note that the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil has launched “the Agricultural Development Plan on MATOPIBA Region”.
2. Both sides share the view that the development of logistic infrastructure networks for agricultural and other products, including ports and other facilities, is essential for the agricultural development of the Northern and North-Eastern regions of Brazil.
3. The Government of Japan notes that the Government of the Federative

Republic of Brazil recognizes the importance to the innovation and the support for the stabilization of farmers' living in the agricultural development of MATOPIBA region.

4. Both sides share the view that the development of meteorological service is important for more precise decision making in the field of agriculture.
5. Both sides coincide to study possible cooperation projects and initiatives, recognizing the substantial role to be played by both private and public sectors in the agricultural development of the Northern and North-Eastern regions of Brazil and the development of logistic infrastructures for agricultural and other products thereof. Both sides particularly concur on the following points:
  - (1) continue to exchange information necessary for agricultural development and development of logistic infrastructures for agricultural and other products;
  - (2) discuss, together with private sectors, the orientation as well as possibilities of cooperation and initiatives on the development i) of logistic infrastructures for agricultural and other products and ii) of meteorological services; and
  - (3) discuss effective cooperation projects for the development of logistic infrastructure networks, including port facilities.

Signed in Palmas, Tocantins, Brazil, on the 29th day of February of 2016, in 6 (six) copies in Japanese, Portuguese and English languages with the same content. In case of discrepancy, the English text will prevail.

For the Government of Japan

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