

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
AICHI PREFECTURE, JAPAN**

The State of Washington of the United States of America and Aichi Prefecture of Japan (hereafter “the parties”) hereby express their sincere desire to establish a relationship with the goals of encouraging friendship and increasing prosperity in both regions, and contributing to further development of favorable relations between the United States of America and Japan, pursuant to the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the State of Washington and the Government of Japan on June 28, 2016. This memorandum is based on the principle of equality and mutual benefit and seeks to accomplish the following:

- I. The parties will strive to establish a close friendship based on respect and mutual trust.
- II. The parties will cooperate in all fields recognized by both parties to be mutually beneficial, such as economy, education, culture, and the development of human resources.
- III. In the interest of the development of both regions, the parties will work to promote private-sector exchange in a wide range of areas including the aerospace industry.

This memorandum of understanding is solely an expression of the parties’ desire to establish a mutually beneficial relationship and creates no legally binding rights or obligations.

Signed on the dates noted below in their respective jurisdictions in recognition of the above articles.

Copies of this memorandum will be made in English and Japanese. All texts are of equal authenticity.

Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington
United States of America

Hideaki Ohmura
Governor
Aichi Prefecture
Japan

Dated :

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