



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN**

**THE AICHI PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT, JAPAN**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS**

THE AICHI PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT, JAPAN and THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS both hereafter referred to as "the Participants";

Acting in the spirit of partnership and cooperation;

On the basis of the friendship links and the cooperation already existing between them;

With a view to further strengthening and developing their mutual relations;

With the aim of developing cooperation on a wide range of matters.

HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION**

§1. This Memorandum of Understanding aims to establish a close friendship based on respect and trust for each other.

§2. The Participants will encourage cooperation in all fields as are recognized by both parties to be mutually beneficial, such as economy including business and investment, culture and human resource development.

§3. Other areas of cooperation may be decided upon later by the Participants.

**SECTION 2. FINANCING**

The costs involved in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be borne by the respective Participants. This Memorandum of Understanding does not bind either Participant to any financial arrangements other than those separately accepted in writing.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENTS, TERMINATION**

§1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature.

§2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

§3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Participant giving one month's written notice to the other Participant.

**SECTION 4. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any rights or obligations under international law. Any dispute between the Participants related to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably by means of consultation and negotiation between the Participants and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

The foregoing represents the understandings reached between the Participants upon the matters referred to herein; it does not create legally binding obligations.


Signed in duplicate in Brussels on May 15th, 2017, in the English language.

For Aichi Prefecture

For the Government of Flanders



**Hideaki Ohmura**  
Governor



**Geert Bourgeois**  
Minister-President