

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN  
NARA PREFECTURE, JAPAN  
AND  
FORESTRY TRAINING CENTER, LYSS**

Nara Prefecture of Japan and Forestry Training Center, Lyss have proceeded with friendly discussions, and agreed that a memorandum of understanding on friendly relationship will be officially concluded on November 16 2016, in order to enhance friendly cooperation between Nara Prefecture of Japan and Forestry Training Center, Lyss as well as to promote mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the Prefecture and the people involved in Forestry Training Center, Lyss.

Based upon the principles of equality and mutual benefit, the two parties will constructively develop exchange and cooperation in the fields of forestry education and training, forests and forestry with the aim of realizing more economic and ecological forestry management. The parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding by placing their signatures there on.

Exchange and cooperation activities:

- The parties will actively exchange techniques and information on the various efforts that have been made in the fields of forests and forestry, emphasizing forestry education and training.
- The parties will cooperate and collaborate on education and further education with their respective parties to promote personnel exchanges: sending and accepting both leaders and trainees.

Having signed this text, each party will hold one copy. This memorandum of understanding on friendly relationship will become effective from the date of signature. If either side wishes to terminate the relationship, the modalities of the termination will be resolved through talks by both sides.

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