

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION



BETWEEN

THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION INSTITUTE FOR CONSULTING AND ANALYSIS, JAPAN

AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICE OF MONGOLIA

Mr. Saburo Kanemaru, President of the Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis (herein after referred to as SINFONICA) and Mr. Pandii Byambatseren, Chairman, National Statistical Office of Mongolia (herein after referred to as MNSO) met on the 8th of September 2005 to discuss main issues for promoting statistical cooperation between the MNSO and SINFONICA and agreed as follows:

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MNSO and SINFONICA enter into an agreement of cooperation to establish a program of cooperation in areas of official statistics as an infrastructure of social and economic development of two countries and benefit to both agencies and countries.

The purposes of the cooperation between MNSO and SINFONICA are as follows:

- to promote interest in official statistical activities of the respective agencies;
- to enhance and facilitate mutual understanding, friendship and prosperity
 of Mongolia and Japan, and eventually the world peace and welfare, and
- · to strengthen statistical staff capacity.

II.

To achieve these goals, MNSO and SINFONICA agreed to implement a 3year statistical cooperation program as an initial phase of cooperation. This program will start in 2006. Within this program MNSO and SINFONICA will, insofar as the means of each allow:

- (a) interchange two-person statistical missions between the two agencies every year;
- (b) organize a two or three-day statistical seminar in Ulaanbaatar for statisticians of central and local offices of MNSO, and
- (c) exchange information pertaining to developments in areas of official statistics.

III.

Unless otherwise stated, human resources and in-kind resources shall be borne by the appropriate organizations where the activity takes place.

Monetary resources including those needed for the lecturers of Items II(a) and II (b) shall be borne by SINFONICA.

IV.

Duration: the present agreement shall be in force from the date of signature to December 2008, which can be extended automatically for another 3 year period, if neither two of the Agencies objects, or will be reorganized when an official cooperation project such as JICA's starts between the two countries.

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Each agency shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this Agreement.

VI.

This general Agreement of Cooperation shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the two agencies. The details and modus operandi of the activities concerning the implementation of a 3-year statistical cooperation program under this agreement shall be worked out with mutual consultation of the two agencies in the form of a project.

EXECUTED by THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICE OF MONGOLIA and THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION INSTITUTE FOR CONSULTING AND ANALYSIS, JAPAN in English.

For the National Statistical Office of Mongolia

For the Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis of Japan

Signature:

Name:

Pandii Byambatseren

Title: Chairman
Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Date: September 9, 2005

Name: Saburo Kanemaru

Title: President

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Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Date: September 9, 2005