

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
ON CO-OPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

The Government of Norway and the Government of Japan;

Desiring to further promote the close and friendly relations existing between their two countries, and being aware of the rapid expansion of scientific knowledge and of its positive contribution in promoting bilateral and international cooperation;

Wishing to broaden the scope of scientific and technological cooperation through the creation of a productive partnership for peaceful purposes and for their mutual benefit; and

Affirming their commitment to further strengthen co-operation in science and technology;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The two Governments shall develop cooperative activities in such areas of science and technology as may be mutually agreed for peaceful purposes on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article II

Forms of the cooperative activities under this Agreement may include:

- (a) Meetings of various forms, such as those of experts, to discuss and exchange information on scientific and technological aspects of general or specific subjects and to identify research and development projects and programmes that may be usefully undertaken on a co-operative basis;
- (b) Exchange of information on activities, policies, practices, and laws and regulations concerning research and development;
- (c) Visits and exchanges of scientists, technical personnel, or other experts on general or specific subjects;
- (d) Implementation of agreed cooperative projects and programmes; and
- (e) Other forms of cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed.

Article III

1. Implementing arrangements setting forth the details and procedures of the specific cooperative activities under this Agreement may be made between the two Governments or their agencies, whichever is appropriate.
2. Cooperative activities between the two Governments in the field of science and technology which have been commenced and not completed by the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall be incorporated under this Agreement as of that date.

Article IV

With regard to the cooperative activities under this Agreement, the two Governments may allow the participation of researchers and research organisations in both public and private sectors.

Article V

1. For the purpose of effective implementation of this Agreement, the two Governments shall establish a Joint Committee, the functions of which shall be:
 - (a) Exchanging information and views on scientific and technological policy issues;
 - (b) Reviewing and discussing the cooperative activities and accomplishments under this Agreement; and
 - (c) Providing advice to the two Governments with regard to the implementation of this Agreement, which may include identification and proposition of the cooperative activities thereunder and encouragement of their implementation.
2. The Joint Committee shall meet alternately in Norway and Japan at mutually agreed times.

Article VI

1. Scientific and technological information of a non-proprietary nature arising from the cooperative activities under this Agreement may be made available to the public by either Government through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of the participating agencies.
2. The two Governments shall give due consideration to the protection and the distribution of intellectual property rights or other rights of a proprietary nature resulting from the cooperative activities under this Agreement and shall consult with each other for this purpose as necessary.

Article VII

1. Implementation of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to the applicable laws and regulations of each country.
2. Costs for the cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be borne as may be mutually agreed.

Article VIII

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prejudice other agreements between the two Governments, existing at the date of signature of this Agreement or concluded thereafter.

Article IX

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof. It shall remain in force for two years and shall continue in force thereafter unless terminated by either Government at the end of the initial two-year period or at any time thereafter by giving to the other Government at least six months written advance notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
2. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the carrying out of any project or programme undertaken under this Agreement and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Agreement.

Done at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2003 in duplicate in the English language.

For the Government Norway:

For the Government Japan: