



**FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TELANGANA, INDIA
AND
THE CITY OF KITAKYUSHU, FUKUOKA, JAPAN**

The State Government of Telangana, Republic of India, and the City of Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan represented by their leaderships, desiring to promote mutual understanding and cooperation, and recognizing the mutual benefits of friendship and collaboration, hereby enter into this Friendship and Cooperation Agreement to strengthen the bond between Telangana and Kitakyushu.

The objectives of this Agreement are:

- To strengthen friendly relations and mutual understanding between the people of Telangana and Kitakyushu.
- To promote cooperation in the fields of the circular economy, urban innovation, riverfront development, trade and investments, human resource development, education and academic collaboration.
- To encourage the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices in sustainable development and urban planning.

Scope of Cooperation

The areas of cooperation under this Agreement will include but are not limited to:

1. Circular Economy and Net Zero

- Mutual cooperation in sharing of best practices on circular economy, Net Zero and supporting the business expansion of environmentally based companies of both cities, in order to quickly and efficiently establish an Eco-Town in Hyderabad.

2. Urban innovation and Sustainable Development

- Facilitate collaborations for smart city development and sustainable urban planning

3. Riverfront Development

- Utilizing expertise and knowledge from Kitakyushu in the promotion and development in the Musi River Project.

4. Human Resources Collaboration

- Facilitate the introduction of abundant high skilled human resources of Telangana State to work in companies in Kitakyushu City and promote human resource development especially around Japanese language training.

5. Education and Academic Collaboration

- Promote collaboration to implement joint research projects and expand educational opportunities.

6. Trade and Investment promotion



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- Utilize the strengths of both parties' technical capabilities and support organizations to promote overseas expansion based on the needs of each other's companies.

7. People to people exchanges

- Promote people to people exchanges and make efforts to facilitate direct flight connectivity between Kitakyushu and Hyderabad

Implementation

Both sides will respectively designate a department of their government to act as nodal agency, to confirm the progress and implementation status of the project under this framework agreement. The designated department is responsible for the dissemination of information and opinions about the activities of each project. Both respective departments will hold regular online meetings to review activities, assess progress, and identify new areas of cooperation.

Validity Period of Agreement

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing, with an option for renewal upon mutual agreement.

Change/Termination of Agreement

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both sides. Either side may terminate this Agreement by providing a written notice six (6) months in advance.

Legal Binding Force

This Agreement is intended to foster cooperation and mutual understanding and does not create legally binding or financial obligations. All activities under this Agreement are subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the respective countries.

Agreement

After confirming each of the above provisions, both sides will sign this Agreement on June 2nd, 2025 in two originals in Japanese and English, with one copy of each to be retained. In the event of any discrepancy in the translation, the English version shall prevail.

In witness of the above, the following persons representing Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, and Telangana State, Republic of India, sign this Agreement:

Signed on this 2nd day of June 2025 in Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

For Telangana

Jayesh Ranjan IAS
Special Chief Secretary

For the City of Kitakyushu

Kazuhisa Takeuchi
Mayor of Kitakyushu City