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TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION  
AMONG  
THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA),  
THE JAPAN AEROSPACE EXPLORATION AGENCY (JAXA)  
AND  
THE PARAGUAYAN SPACE AGENCY (AEP)  
TO ENHANCING SPACE DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY  
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN PARAGUAY

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and the Paraguayan Space Agency (AEP); recalling the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Paraguay and Japan and being committed to enhancing friendly relations and cooperation in the field of space activities;

Recognizing the importance of strengthening Paraguay's space development capacity and its application to help address the development challenges currently Paraguay faces and the earth observation satellite's potential roles to monitor targets and track progress in conjunction with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

Noting the "Letter of Intent between the AEP and JAXA concerning cooperation in the field of space activities for peaceful purposes" of 14 March 2021 and the Memorandum of Cooperation between JAXA and AEP in the Field of Space Activities for Peaceful Purposes" of 3 May 2024;

Noting the Record of Discussions on the "Project for Management of Space Programs Applied to Socioeconomic Development" signed between JICA and AEP on 19 June 2023; and

Noting further the Partnership Agreement between the JICA and JAXA of 23 April 2014;

Have reached the following recognition:

## **1. Common goals and objectives**

The common goals and objectives of trilateral cooperation among JICA, JAXA, and AEP are to facilitate effective collaboration in the field of space activities, building on the existing relationships JICA and JAXA each have with AEP respectively, and thereby contribute to space development capacity of Paraguay. Based on this collaboration among the three participants, future space activities for peaceful purposes in both countries are expected to be promoted.

## **2. Scope of Cooperation**

JICA, JAXA and AEP will aim to effectively implement the following cooperative activities by co-relating each other and facilitating co-creation among public sector, academia and private companies of each country.

- (1) Technical Cooperation Project entitled "Project for Management of Space Programs Applied to the Socioeconomic Development"
- (2) Long term training course (scholarship program)
- (3) Thematic short-term training

JICA, JAXA and AEP will continuously have further discussions on any other possible future cooperation and collaboration.

## **3. Sincere Cooperation as Partner**

JICA, JAXA and AEP will cooperate in good faith as partners to ensure the successful implementation of cooperative activities under this Memorandum in line with the relevant documents applied for respective cooperative activities identified as item 2 (1) through (3).

## **4. Trilateral Comprehensive Coordination**

JICA, JAXA and AEP may set an occasion to comprehensively discuss the good way of facilitations, monitoring and enhancement of the aforementioned cooperative activities under the scope of this Memorandum.

## **5. Non-binding Nature of this Memorandum**

This Memorandum does not create any legally binding obligation or rights. This Memorandum does not affect any commitment of funds by either the Government of Japan or the Government of Paraguay through JICA, JAXA, and AEP.



## 6. Duration and Amendment

This Memorandum will commence from the signature date till 3 May 2029 (for five years), and may be revised or renewed at any time upon mutual consent of JICA, JAXA and AEP.

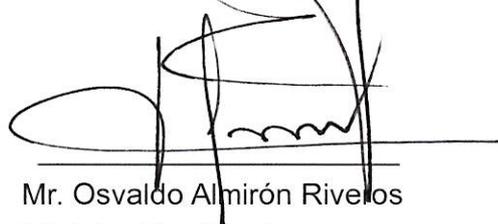
Hoping that this trilateral cooperation will become a symbol of the friendly relations between the two countries, the representatives of JICA, JAXA and AEP have signed this Memorandum in Asunción, in triplicate, on 3 May 2024, in the English and Spanish language. In case of any divergences in interpretation of the matters of this Memorandum, the English text will prevail.

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