

Memorandum of Understanding for the Partnership of Friendship and Cooperation

between

Greater Manchester Combined Authority and City of Osaka

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the City of Osaka will work together with the aim of establishing a firm partnership based on advancing information exchanges, fostering cross-sectoral dialogues that connects a diverse range of businesses, academics, and policy makers of both localities; as well as harnessing the transformative power of knowledge and innovation to tackle the shared challenges in the two localities. Both parties shall duly commit to fulfill all these aforementioned efforts and likewise take into perspective the foundation of friendly cooperative relations.

Thus, both parties hereby agree on the following items to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Partnership of Friendship and Cooperation.

1. Cooperate and exchange on environmental policy areas and deliver a transition towards the objectives of net zero GHG emissions through sharing technical insight.
2. Promote economic exchanges that can lead to developing robust collaborative ties.
3. Explore collaborations between universities in the two localities.
4. Facilitate discussions for developing a greater cooperative relationship which corresponds to the occasion of EXPO 2025.

Ensuing the exchange of this MOU, both parties shall emphasize on the planning of concrete exchange projects through progression of reviews and discussions.

The MOU period shall remain effective until 3rd of December 2026. For matters concerning revisions, as well as MOU extension, both parties shall amicably determine through further dialogue.

This document in English and Japanese shall be signed in duplicate, and both parties shall retain one copy of each.

Signed and Dated: December 4, 2023

Mayor of Greater Manchester, UK

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