

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON CULTURE AND TOURISM
BETWEEN
THE WAKAYAMA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT, JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
FOR THE PERIOD OF 2023 - 2025**

With the aim of strengthening and expanding exchanges and cooperation in culture and tourism, the Wakayama Prefectural Government of Japan and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, hereinafter referred to as “the two Parties”, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

General principles

The two Parties encourage and develop cultural and tourism cooperation between both countries based on principles of equality within the functions, duties, and powers of each Party; mutual respect for sovereignty, and national laws of Japan and Viet Nam and international agreements which each country is a member.

Article 2

Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a collaborative relationship in the fields of culture and tourism between the two Parties, with a focus on the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Kansai, Japan.

Article 3

Cooperation methods

To achieve the objective, the two Parties will collaborate on the following matters within the scope of their respective functions and powers:

1. Promoting and developing cultural or youth exchanges between Wakayama Prefecture and Viet Nam.
2. Supporting each other in tourism promotion activities.
3. Sharing information on investment in the tourism industry.
4. Facilitating convenient transportation between Wakayama Prefecture and Viet Nam.

Article 4

Finance

All details related to organizing exchange activities under this MOU will be discussed and agreed upon by the two Parties in each specific case and will not create any financial burden.

Article 5**Dispute settlement**

Any dispute or disagreement arising from the interpretation or the implementation of this MOU will be settled amicably through negotiation between the two Parties.

Article 6**Amendments and supplements**

This MOU may be amended with the mutual written consent of the two Parties. Any such amendments and supplements will form an integral part of this MOU.

Article 7**Rights and Obligations**

The Memorandum of Understanding is not an international treaty and does not create, change, terminate rights and obligations governed by international laws to Japan and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Article 8**Effectiveness, Term and Termination**

This MOU will come into effect from the date of its signing and remain in effect until December 31, 2025.

Each Party can terminate this MOU by informing to the other Party in writing 06 (six) months in advance. The termination of the validity of this MOU will not affect the validity and duration of implemented activities, programs, projects under this MOU, unless otherwise agreed between the two Parties.

Signed in Ha Noi, on July 27th 2023, in 02 (two) original copies in English language.

**FOR THE WAKAYAMA
PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT,
JAPAN**

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF
CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM
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