

Statement of Intent

Between

Ministry of Economy, Trade Industry, of Japan

and National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) of the Republic of India

On Artificial Intelligence

i. The Ministry of Economy, Trade Industry (hereinafter referred to as "METI")

AND

ii. The National Institution for Transforming India, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001, the think tank of the Government of India (hereinafter referred to as "NITI Aayog").

NITI Aayog and METI are referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as "Both Participants".

Noting the expertise of both Japan and India in the field of artificial intelligence;

Have reached the following intent.

Article 1: Background and Purpose

Desiring to strengthen bilateral cooperation between Both Participants, METI and NITI Aayog intend to work together to encourage and develop cooperation on Artificial Intelligence ("AI") technologies. Both Participants welcome that there are various activities to promote cooperation between Both Participants on AI and its technological uses. For example, the AI Research Center (AIRC) at the National Institute of Advance Science and Technology (AIST) Japan and IIT Hyderabad, India will sign an MOU to promote collaboration in AI research between the two institutions.

Article 2: Scope

A) In order to promote cooperation in the area of AI, Both Participants intend to promote the following actions:

(a) To exchange the information on policies of AI (including emerging technologies) between the Participants, and to discuss possible cooperation between them further;

(b) To facilitate exchange of scholars, scientists, engineers and students;

- (c) To promote networking activities between related technology start-ups and enterprises such as establishing a Japan-India Star-up Hub in Bengaluru and inviting relevant entities/companies to the CEATEC exhibition in Japan;
- (d) To encourage joint research activities, scientific meetings, conferences, research workshops and partnerships like the MOU between AIST and IIT-Hyderabad.

Article 3: General Provisions

- This Statement of Intent places no financial obligations on either Participant.
- Neither of the Participants will assign any of their roles and responsibilities under this Statement to any other person or institution.
- This Statement of Intent is not intended to create binding or legal obligations for either Participant.
- Neither Participant is an agent of the other nor has any right to act or represent the other, or to purport to do so.
- The Participants may come up with formal instrument to materialise the above enumerated intents.

Done at Tokyo on 29th, October, 2018 in two originals in English language.

For Ministry of Economy, Trade
Industry, Japan

For NITI Aayog, India

(Mr. Keita Nishiyama)