

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**GYEONGSANGBUK-DO YEONGJU CITY**

**OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION AND LIVESTOCK**

**OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN**

**ON**

**AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION PARTICULARLY SOYBEAN RELATED ACTIVITIES**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") sets for the terms and understanding between the Gyeongsangbuk-Do Yeongju City (hereinafter "Yeongju") and the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (hereinafter "MAIL") with regard to cooperation between the two sides on agricultural development particularly soybean production and promotion related activities in Afghanistan.

**Purpose**

The MoU is for both sides to cooperate and conduct joint projects for the common goal of globalizing Bu-Sok-Tae (Korean soybean variety) as well as contributing in reducing food security and nutrition shortages in Afghanistan.

**Contents of Cooperation**

**(1) Coordination on dissemination of high quality soybean and cultivation technology between Yeongju and MAIL:**

Both sides agree to establish partnership and promote technical cooperation between the two sides; by Yeongju offering opportunities of visiting and training

program in soybean related institutions in Yeongju to relevant Afghan Cadre (Government officials, agronomists, private sector representatives, farmers, women leaders etc) who are involved in agricultural self-reliance in Afghanistan. MAIL will facilitate the implementation of soybean interventions offered by Yeongju in Afghanistan based on Afghansitan Agriculture policies and priorities.

**(2) Dissemination of Soybean Cooking and Processing Technology in Afghanistan:**

Both sides agree to cooperate in promoting dissemination of Korean traditional soybean cooking and processing technology in Afghanistan keeping in view of the local context.

**(3) Research on New Varieties of Soybean:**

"Yeongju City Agricultural Technology Center" makes efforts to disseminate high quality soybean varieties to Afghanistan through research and development of new varieties with high yield; and pest and disease resistance, considering Afghanistan's agro-climatic and soil conditions. The efforts for research based production will also be considered.

**(4) Market Development:**

Both sides will work jointly on promotion of soy food culture in Afghanistan through numerous awareness campaigns in order to create demand for soy products. The awareness on the nutritional facts of the soy is significant to contribute in reducing the food nutritional issues in Afghanistan.

**(5) Administration Support:**

Both sides make mutual efforts for the development of Agricultural technology by carrying out their role faithfully according to this MoU.

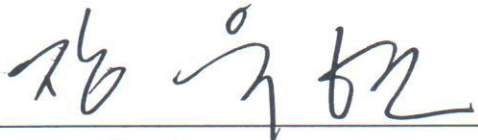
**(6) Management of Projects:**

- ① All business communications relating to this MoU will be conducted in written document. In this case, the document delivered in person, by mail or by fax is

deemed to be a proper document.

- ② Both sides will implement this MoU in good faith. One side will give full cooperation to other side when there is a request for cooperation and materials for well-grounded reasons from the side.
- ③ This MoU will enter into force on the date of signature between both sides and will remain in force for a period of three years. The MoU can be extended by mutual agreement. At the time of the extension of the agreement, a notice to that effect from one side to the other side needs to be carried out 30 days before the end of the agreement.
- ④ All of the contents of this MoU do not impose any legal rights or obligations to both sides.

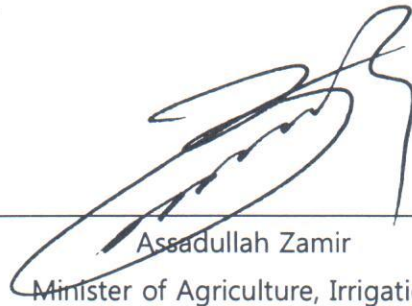
In order to prove the conclusion of this MoU, two copies of the signed agreement are prepared in English version and kept by each side.



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