

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA
AND
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN
ON
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA as represented by the Ministry of Digital of Malaysia and **THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN** as represented by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (hereinafter referred to singularly as the “the Participant” and collectively as “the Participants),

CONSIDERING the vital role of digital transformation as key enablers of socioeconomic progress in both countries;

RECOGNIZING that cooperation grounded in equity, mutual respect, and shared benefits aligns with the digital transformation objectives of both Parties;

INSPIRED by the shared commitment to establishing a strong foundation for a long-term and strategic partnership in the field of digital transformation;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

PARAGRAPH 1

OBJECTIVE

The Participants, subject to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in their respective countries, will endeavour to facilitate cooperation in the development, implementation and advancement of digital transformation initiatives between two countries on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

PARAGRAPH 2

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

Each Participant will subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote co-operation in the following areas:

1. Digital Infrastructure Development with adoption of 5G, IoT and cutting-edge AI Technology, Cloud Computing and Data centres;
2. E-Government Initiatives;
3. Enhancing Digital Economy through the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices
4. Digital Society, through establishment of AI Cities keeping in view of universal service and connectivity and bridging rural urban digital divide;
5. Digital Literacy through online capacity building, training and human resource development;
6. Digital policy development
7. Data protection and cybersecurity
8. Other areas of mutual interest as may be agreed upon by parties.

PARAGRAPH 3

FORMS OF COOPERATION

Participants will promote bilateral cooperation through the following mechanisms:

1. Providing advisory and consultative support on methodology and technical architecture for effective use of the digital technologies, re-engineering and digital transformation of public administration;
2. Exploring opportunities for mutual learning on the respective digital infrastructure landscapes of both countries;
3. Mutual support and cooperation in digital human resources: facilitating the exchange of expertise, joint training programs, and capacity-building initiatives aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of professionals engaged in the digital domain.
4. Identifying digital needs and exploring potential solutions based on the priorities and mutual agreement of the Parties.
5. Work together to advance e-government solutions, share knowledge on successful implementations, and explore opportunities for joint projects.

PARAGRAPH 4

IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

To ensure the effective implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Participants will conduct the following activities:

1. Meetings of high-level officials to discuss agendas of mutual interests;
2. Planning and implementation of joint projects for adopting new technologies and conceptions;
3. Mutually beneficial exchanges of technology and policy information in accordance to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force set by the Participants;
4. Exchanges of experts of two countries and
5. Any other forms of cooperation that may be jointly decided by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 5

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The financial arrangements to cover expenses for the co-operation activities undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will be mutually decided upon by the respective Participants on a case-by-case basis subject to the availability of funds.

PARAGRAPH 6

USE OF NAME, LOGO AND EMBLEMS

The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of any of the Participant on any publication, document and/or paper is prohibited without the prior written approval of either Participant.

PARAGRAPH 7

OTHER RIGHTS AND INTEREST

Notwithstanding anything contained in this MoU, where the implementation of co-operation under this MoU affects any Participant's rights and interests with respect to its national security, national and public interest or public order, and confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and data, that Participant may take appropriate steps or consult with the other Participant to ensure that its rights and interests are protected and safeguarded.

PARAGRAPH 8

CONSULTATION

The Participants will consult, at times mutually decided upon by the Participants, through

their representatives, concerning the interpretation or application of this MoU either generally or in relation to a particular matter.

PARAGRAPH 9

EFFECTS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MoU serves only as a record of the Participants' intentions and does not constitute or create obligations under international or domestic law and will not give rise to any legal process and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied.

PARAGRAPH 10

REVISION, MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

1. Either Participant may request in writing a revision, modification or amendment of all or any part of this MoU.
2. Any revision, modification or amendment agreed to by the Participants will be reduced into writing and will form part of this MoU.
3. Such revision, modification or amendment will enter into effect on such date as may be determined by the Participants.
4. Any revision, modification or amendment will not prejudice the benefits and commitments arising from or based on this MoU before or up to the date of such revision, modification or amendment.

PARAGRAPH 11

ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This MoU will enter into effect from the date of its signature by both Participants and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years.
2. Thereafter, this MoU will be automatically extended for a further period of three (3) years orders otherwise decided by the Participants.
3. Notwithstanding anything in this MoU, either Participant may terminate this MoU by notifying the other Participant of its intention to terminate this MoU by a notice in writing through diplomatic channels, at least six (6) months prior to the intended date of termination.
4. The termination of this MoU will not prevent the completion of the co-operation activities that might have been formalized prior to the date of the termination of this MoU, unless otherwise decided.

RAHSIA

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Government of Malaysia and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan upon the matters referred to therein.

Signed in duplicate at on in the year in [... (...)] original copies, [... (..)] each in the English.

**FOR THE
GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA**

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