

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
URASOE CITY AND AIRAI STATE FOR COOPERATION IN  
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

Urasoe City of Okinawa Prefecture, Japan and Airai State, Republic of Palau (hereinafter referred to as "the two parties") began this initiative as part of efforts to promote policies based on the Ministry of the Environment's "City-to-City Collaboration for Zero-Carbon Society" project. The two parties will continue and maintain this initiative while building further friendly relations and working continuously toward the conservation of the local environment.

In promoting initiatives based on this Memorandum, both parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

1. Both parties will provide each other with information that is advantageous for regional environmental conservation measures.
2. Utilizing the human resources and knowledge of both parties to work towards preserving the local environment.

This memorandum is a non-binding basic agreement and was reached through basic discussions between the responsible parties of both parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not impose any legal obligations or costs unless a formal agreement is reached through negotiations.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on the date of signature by both parties and shall remain in effect until August 26, 2025.


However, if either party does not request in writing to terminate or amend this Memorandum at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the validity period, this Memorandum will be renewed for one year from the day following the expiration date, and the same shall apply thereafter.


This Memorandum of Understanding will be signed in two copies, one in Japanese and one in English, in the State of Airai, and each copy will be retained by the other.

August 27, 2024

Airai State of the Republic of Palau

Urasoe City of Okinawa Prefecture, Japan

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NGIRATECHEBOET, Norman H.  
Governor of Airai State,  
Republic of the Palau

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MATSUMOTO Tetsuji  
Mayor of Urasoe City,  
Okinawa Prefecture, Japan