

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Korean Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (“MSIP”) of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Cabinet Office of Her Majesty’s Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, hereinafter referred to as “The Participants”.

In recognition of the fact that:

(i) MSIP aims to turn the Korean people's creativity into assets using science technology and IT, thereby creating new added value, new jobs and new sectors for growth that are necessary for the nation's sustained growth.

(ii) The Cabinet Office is building a digital government based on user needs. It will build on openness and transparency to strengthen people's trust in government and is changing the way that the UK government buys goods and services, thereby saving money and supporting growth in the economy.

(iii) Both participants are interested in mutually supporting each others’ goals to:

- lay the foundations through education for all citizens to develop and use software by teaching children how to code, and;
- promote economic growth through open markets and by stimulating startups and small to medium business enterprises.

The Participants have reached the following understandings:

The MSIP and Cabinet Office (together, the “Participants”) will cooperate on the exchange of information and experiences concerning these goals by:

1. promoting contact and exchange of public officials and experts, and organising joint events;
2. collaborating to ensure that both participants have effective capability when developing digital public services;
3. learning from each other about tools and practices that support teaching children to code through the education system;
4. sharing knowledge on the use of released open data in a way that fosters innovation

- and economic growth;
- 5. identifying existing tools and resources that help start-ups and small to medium businesses to operate in an open market;
- 6. bringing together the other ministries on both sides with relevant policy responsibility and organisations such as National Information Society Agency (NIA).

The Participants will decide on a case by case basis how initiatives will be funded and resourced.

Participants can, as appropriate, designate another institution or institutions to lead or participate in the initiatives.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not legally binding. It will come into effect on the date of the signature of both Participants and will continue to have effect for a period of five (5) years unless terminated by either Participant giving three (3) months written notice to the other. The Memorandum may be renewed for a period of five (5) years at a time. The Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants through an Exchange of Notes between the Participants.

The Participants aim to monitor and review progress of activities carried out under this Memorandum at least annually via meeting or written correspondence.

Signed in duplicate in London, United Kingdom on the 6 November 2013 in the English language.

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