

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (ASPA)**

AND

**THE JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
(JSPA)**

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (ASPA)

ASPA, founded in 1939, is a 9,000 member non-profit professional organization representing a wide range of professions in public service, government, and nonprofit agencies, including universities in the United States that educate the nations best public service officials. ASPA also manages formal International cooperative agreements, which promote various academic and professional development programs. ASPA's mission is to: Advance the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration; promote the value of joining and elevating the public service profession; build bridges among all who pursue public purposes; provide networking and professional development opportunities to those committed to public service values; and, achieve innovative solutions to the challenges of governance worldwide.

JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (JSPA)

JSPA was founded in the year of 1950 and is an academic organisation including about 700 members in the academic and practical fields of public administration. Its mission lies in that it ought to promote research activities concerning public administration in and outside of Japan and scientific cooperation among its members as well as to seek professional communications and collaboration together with foreign academic organisations. In order to fulfill this sake JSPA provides its members with relevant information, holds a periodical academic meeting every year, publishes the Annals of Japanese Society for Public Administration and conducts various sorts of cooperation in and for international conferences.

ASPA and JSPA are committed to the profession of public administration and work to promote public administration study and practice. In addition, both organizations are recognized as premiere organizations that advance the public service in their respective countries. Therefore, it is appropriate that these organizations establish lines of communication that will allow for the discussion of a range of activities, programs, and interactions that will be jointly undertaken.

A few of the specific initiatives that could be pursued include:

1. Developing a mechanism for participation and interaction at one another's events, especially conferences and meetings.

2. Developing a profile of recognized public administration experts that could be used by both organizations to respond to requests for technical assistance.
3. Encouraging the participation of ASPA members, particularly those interested in international and comparative administration, to become involved in JSPA's programs, and vice versa.
4. Developing mechanisms by which each organization's members can access electronic information available on JSPA's and the ASPA web sites, respectively.
5. Sharing information through access and exchange of each organization's professional publications.
6. Disseminating the specifics of this agreement throughout JSPA and ASPA.

Upon execution, this document will signify the initiation of the formal ASPA/JSPA Memorandum of Understanding agreement.

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