

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
between  
**American Meteorological Society (AMS) and Meteorological Society of Japan (MSJ)**

As organizations with common goals of supporting the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the atmospheric and related sciences, the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the Meteorological Society of Japan (MSJ) agree to the following guidelines for mutually beneficial interaction.

**1. Collaboration and information exchange**

To the mutual benefit of both societies, AMS and MSJ promote collaboration and information exchange in the following ways:

- Links to the other society in each society's website.
- Listing of each society's meetings in the calendar of meetings of the other society.
- Reporting of activities of the partner society from time to time to keep the broader membership aware of these activities.
- Collaboration or cooperation on reports or white papers on substantive issues such as climate change, severe or hazardous weather, science education, or any others relevant to activities within the two societies.
- Collaboration on topics associated with advancing the enterprise associated with each society, to include email exchanges, joint meetings, or other mechanisms as agreed to.

**2. Endorsement of Statements**

The AMS releases official statements on scientific and policy issues from time to time. The AMS policies governing the creation of statements encourages that AMS seek the endorsement of AMS statements as well as providing the possibility for AMS to endorse the statements of other societies. AMS will work with MSJ regarding such endorsements between the two organizations.

**3. Meeting cooperation**

Each society will be listed as a cosponsor of the other's annual meeting, with all members of the partner society being eligible for a reduced registration fee at the host society's meeting (which may be higher than the member fee that is available for those members of the partner society who are affiliate members of the host society).

In some cases, the partner society may agree to organize a session at the host society's meeting, and the two societies may choose to organize a joint conference. In those situations, a separate MOU specific to the meeting will be prepared to cover financial obligations as well as the responsibilities of each society.

Each society will offer the other one free exhibit booth space at their annual meeting. (Charge beyond the booth space charge, such as for decorating, will still apply and the exhibiting society must sign an exhibitor agreement.)

**4. Reciprocal membership**

*a. AMS membership*

Members of MSJ may join AMS as “Affiliate Members” with benefits provided to Affiliate Members as outlined on the AMS website, including, but not limited to a subscription to the digital version of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*, member rates on all journals, books, and other products of the AMS, and member registration rate for all AMS meetings. The dues rate for Affiliate Members will be set at 30% off the average AMS member rate. The rate is subject to inflationary increases over time at the discretion of the AMS. MSJ members will apply for Affiliate Members status directly with AMS, and AMS will handle all aspects of the application and annual renewal process. Members of MSJ will be asked to provide their MSJ membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with MSJ at the discretion of AMS.

*b. MSJ membership*

Members of AMS may join MSJ as Associate Members and with benefits provided to Associate Members as outlined on the MSJ website, including, but not limited to a subscription to the digital version of the *Journal of the Meteorological Society of Japan (JMSJ)* and *Scientific Online Letters on the Atmosphere (SOLA)*, member rates on all other products of the MSJ, and member registration rate for all MSJ meetings. The dues rate for Associate Members will be set at 30% off the normal MSJ membership rate. The rate is subject to inflationary increases over time at the discretion of the MSJ. AMS members will apply for Associate Members status directly with MSJ, and MSJ will handle all aspects of the application upon request. Members of AMS will be asked to provide their AMS membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with AMS at the discretion of MSJ.

**5. Member publications**

MSJ will be provided a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*. AMS will be provided a complimentary institutional subscription to *Tenki (MSJ Bulletin)*.

**6. Financial obligations**

Neither society will have any financial obligation to the other. For any joint program or activity that carries with it requirement for financial considerations the two societies will execute a separate MOU for that activity.

**7. Term of agreement**

This agreement expires five years after the date it is executed, but can be renewed for additional five-year terms through a letter signed by appropriate representatives of AMS and MSJ stating the intention to extend the agreement. The agreement can be terminated by either party in writing at any time upon 30 days notice.

For MSJ

Kaoru Sato Date: 1 July 2020  
Kaoru Sato  
President, The Meteorological Society of Japan

For AMS

Mary Ann Goshko  
Title: President, AMS

Date: 1 July 2020