

STATEMENT OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH OF THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF JAPAN

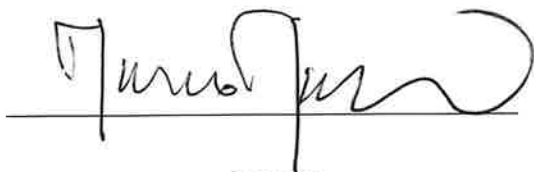
The Ministry of University and Research of the Italian Republic (MUR) and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT), reaffirm their shared interest to continue scientific cooperation in various fields of research, building upon the **Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of Italy on Cooperation in Science and Technology**, signed in Tokyo in 1988; the **“Memorandum of Cooperation in the fields of Scientific and Technological Research between the Ministry of Universities and Research of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan”** (MoC) signed in Japan in 2023, and the **“Japan–Italy Action Plan on Priority Areas of Cooperation for the period 2024–2027”**, signed in June 2024 on the occasion of the G7 Leaders’ Summit held in Apulia under the Italian Presidency.

The two Ministries also acknowledge the successful launch and implementation of the two joint research projects established under the abovementioned MoC: the collaboration between the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) on **advanced energy-storage technologies**, and the cooperation involving the National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN), the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) and the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR) of the University of Tokyo in the field of **gravitational-wave science and related research infrastructures**.

In light of the positive progress achieved through these projects, and in line with paragraph 8 of the Japan-Italy Joint Statements signed on January 16th, 2026 after the Japan-Italy Summit Meeting between Ms. Giorgia MELONI, President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic, and Ms. TAKAICHI Sanae, Prime Minister of Japan in Tokyo (Japan), MUR and MEXT express their shared intention to start collaboration activities in the fields of "AI Robotics" and "Biomanufacturing" and to foster research cooperation in the fields of "Vulcanology and Seismology" and "Medicine and Pharmaceuticals".

This Statement of Intent does not constitute an international agreement which may lead to rights and obligations under international law. No matter of this Statement of Intent is to be recognized and performed as a legal obligation or commitment of MUR and MEXT.

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