

THE JOINT GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM FOR JOINT FUNDING FOR ISRAEL-JAPAN RESEARCH COOPERATION

In accordance with Article IV of the Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") signed on 12 December, 2008 between the then Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport, now Ministry of Science, Technology and Space, of State of Israel and Japan Science and Technology Agency (hereinafter singularly referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties"), and with the governmental agreement reached in the Japan-Israel Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation on 23 May, 2012, these Joint Guidelines provide methods of implementation of the next joint funding program between the Parties.

The aim of the program is to strengthen collaboration between Israeli and Japanese researchers within the field of "Information and Communication Technology" to enable them to forge long-term collaboration, leading to world-class scientific results and innovative technologies. Information and Communication Technology is developing rapidly and is considered an area of strategic importance by the Parties.

The call for proposals, jointly outlined by the Parties, is attached to this cover and is expected to be followed by two additional calls, to be published one each in the years 2016- and 2017, unless there are budgetary constraints in either of the two countries.

Topics and details, which have yet to be summarized, in respect of the second and third calls (such as areas of cooperation, launch and closing dates of the calls) will be

discussed and agreed between the Parties through relevant communications such as e-mails.

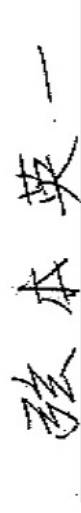
The Parties produce two originals of these joint Guidelines in English, both texts being equally valid.

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