



Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Crown in Right of Tasmania
and
Japan Agriculture Biei (JA Biei)
on agriculture collaboration

Preamble

The Crown in Right of Tasmania and JA Biei (referred to collectively as the 'Parties'); wish to record certain non-legally binding commitments as set out in this memorandum.

1. Status of this memorandum

The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing contained in this memorandum is to give rise to:

- (a) legally enforceable rights and obligations as between the parties; and
- (b) any legal liability of any kind as between the parties.

2. Parties' non-legally binding commitments

It is the intention of the parties for a period of up to five years from the date of this memorandum to build on the JA Biei/TasTAFE exchange and collaborate in the following areas:

- (a) education and training;
- (b) research and development;
- (c) counter-seasonal trade opportunities;
- (d) research and field trials into Japanese vegetable crop growing in Tasmania with potential future cooperation for a Japanese vegetable industry;
- (e) showcase opportunities for female role models in agriculture which recognise and celebrate the contribution of women; and
- (f) other exchange and cooperation as agreed by the Parties.

JA Biei is a leading entrepreneurial cooperative representing the agricultural sector in Biei (a town with a population of 12,000 people located in the centre of Hokkaido prefecture, Japan, around 2.5 hours from Sapporo). JA Biei has 741 member farmers on 11,600 ha of farmland, generating annual agricultural sales revenue of JPY 1.4 billion (approximately AUD 143.2 million). JA Biei is also a member of the national Japan Agriculture Cooperative.

JA Biei has the objective to make an investment in the Tasmanian agricultural sector in order to establish an overseas production source of vegetables. This investment will take advantage of Tasmania's counter seasonality and similar environmental conditions to Hokkaido. Tasmania's reputation as clean and green and as a source of high quality source of food is also important to JA Biei and its reputation in Japan.



The parties intend to provide regular feedback to each other in respect of the progress of their collaboration under this MoU and other activities through which the parties might further their cooperation.

3. Governing law

This memorandum is intended to be governed by the law of Tasmania Australia if, and to the extent that, it becomes necessary to determine its legal effect.

Executed by the parties as a non-legally binding memorandum of understanding

Date of memorandum:

Signed on behalf of the Crown in Right of Tasmania	Signed on behalf of Japan Agriculture Biei
	
The Honourable Will Hodgman MP Premier and Minister for Trade Tasmanian Government	Tomeo Kumagai President Japan Agriculture Biei
Date: 05 MAR 2019	Date: 05 MAR 2019