

Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation

October 30, 2013, Seoul, Korea

We, the heads of government agencies on disaster management of the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the People's Republic of China participated in the 3rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management among the Republic of Korea-Japan-People's Republic of China on October 30, 2013 in Seoul, Korea.

We expressed our deep condolences for the loss of precious lives and devastating damages due to natural disasters including earthquake, flood and extreme heat waves, inflicting the people and affected areas not only from the three countries but around the world.

In addition to this, as experiencing more frequent extreme weather events due to climate change, we reconfirmed the importance and significance of trilateral cooperation on disaster management since three countries are under the same influence of natural disasters such as earthquake and typhoon due to the geographical propinquity.

We also reviewed the outcomes of the 1st and 2nd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management and discussed the progress in disaster risk reduction among three countries based on national official reports such as HFA Progress Report and National Policy Report. Moreover, in order to strengthen practical cooperation in the field of disaster management, we agreed to discuss and proceed with the following agendas.

I. Technology and Information Sharing on Disaster Management

- (a) Explore the feasibility of enhancing compatibility of information about hazard profile, disaster loss and disaster recovery among three countries and improve its linkage with other existing ones
- (b) Initiate joint R&D projects on identifying intensive risk and developing counter-measures in three countries
- (c) Explore the feasibility of sharing the information, technology, experience, and lessons on root causes of disasters, underlying risk factors, disaster risk due to climate change and disaster recovery to build back better community
- (d) Share sound practices on disaster management utilizing information and communication technology such as Social Network Service (SNS) and mobile communication system
- (e) Enhance three countries' cooperation in international and regional conferences on disaster management held in each country, including the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

II. Education and Training

- (a) Design regular programs on Table Top Exercise (TTX) to prepare for natural disasters like earthquake and typhoon
- (b) Organize visits to disaster prone areas or severe disasters hit areas in each country at an appropriate time
- (c) Develop country-to-country exchange programs among disaster management government officials, researchers and academia
- (d) Utilize global and regional education and training institutes located in three countries to develop government officials' capacities for disaster management and disaster risk reduction and provide training opportunities to other two countries as well
- (e) Transfer three countries' technology and experience on disaster management to developing countries by jointly organizing training programs and seminars

To engage in an ongoing process of the Joint Statement, we will involve Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat(TCS) to the maximum extent and the host country will be responsible for follow – up procedures of agreed agendas of the meeting until the next meeting.

Based on the principle of the biennial hosting of the meeting, we reached the agreement on Japan's host of the 4th Trilateral Heads of Government Agency on Disaster Management among the Republic of Korea, Japan and China as well as the preparatory meeting of senior officials/experts. We signed the Joint Statement on October 30, 2013 in Seoul, Korea and exchanged the Statement written in English.

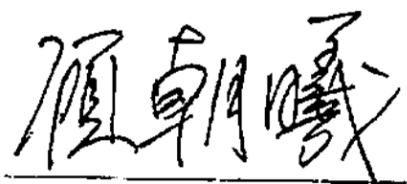
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