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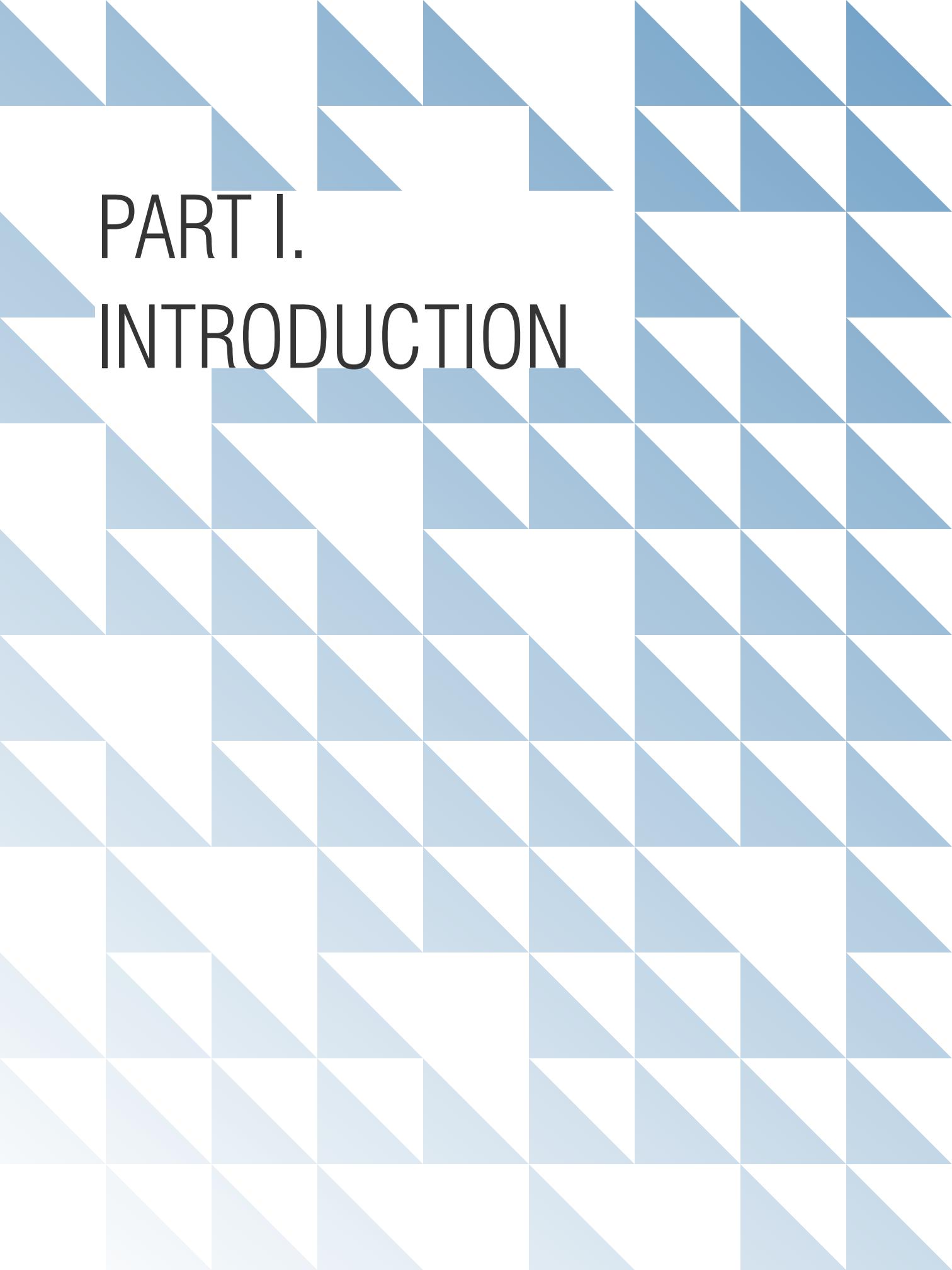
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PART I. INTRODUCTION

Outlook for the Trilateral Cooperation

In pursuant to the *Agreement on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat* (hereinafter referred to as the TCS) signed by the three governments in December 2010, the TCS carries out the function of drafting and submitting the trilateral cooperation progress report.

Under this mandate, the TCS for the first time compiled the *2008-2012 Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation* and submitted to the Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting held in April 2012. This is the second report, covering the period from April 2012 to March 2013, after extensive and strong support from relevant ministries and organizations of the three countries.

Trilateral Cooperation Highlights

(Apr. 2012 — Mar. 2013)

During this period, the three countries have been taking a series of joint efforts in pushing forward the trilateral cooperation.

The 5th Trilateral Summit was held in Beijing, China in May 2012. The leaders of the three countries engaged in an in-depth discussion on further enhancing the trilateral cooperation, and adopted the *Joint Declaration on the Enhancement of Trilateral Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership*.

The three countries joined hands to speed up trilateral economic cooperation and have achieved the breakthrough as they signed the *Trilateral Agreement for the Promotion, Facilitation and Protection of Investment* on the occasion of the 5th Trilateral Summit held in Beijing in May 2012 and started the first round of the Trilateral FTA negotiations in March 2013.

The three countries have strengthened efforts in forging a deeper partnership in non-traditional security fields such as disaster management and environmental protection. In the meantime, new waves of cooperative efforts have sprung up in fields such as agriculture, culture and youth exchange. New inter-governmental cooperative mechanisms such as the Trilateral Agriculture Ministers Meeting have been launched. The CAMPUS Asia program was successfully implemented for fostering the sense of friendship and community among the youth of the three countries.

In sum, in light of the full-fledged trilateral consultative mechanisms of major cooperative areas and the steady development of the TCS, the institutionalization process of the trilateral cooperation has been progressing in a healthy and constructive manner. With the rapid rise of East Asia in the world in terms of its economic power and political influence, vast potential of the trilateral cooperation has been widely acknowledged and is expected to be further tapped.

PART II.

COOPERATION PROGRESS

1. POLITICS AND SECURITY

Trilateral Summit

The 5th **Trilateral Summit** was convened in Beijing, China on May 13, 2012. The leaders of the three countries adopted the *Joint Declaration on the Enhancement of Trilateral Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership* with two attached documents, i.e., the *Joint Statement of Cooperation on Sustainable Forest Management, Combating Desertification and Wildlife Conservation* and the *Joint Statement on Agricultural Cooperation*. Endorsing the recommendations from the trade ministers, the leaders decided to launch the trilateral FTA negotiation within 2012 with a view to further deepen economic and trade cooperation. They reiterated their commitment to enhancing political mutual trust, promoting sustainable development and expanding social, people-to-people and cultural exchanges as well as strengthening communication and coordination in regional and international affairs. The Secretary-General of the TCS was for the first time invited to participate in the Summit. Alongside the Summit, the leaders attended the signing ceremony of the *Trilateral Agreement for the Promotion, Facilitation and Protection of Investment* and held a joint press conference. The leaders also attended the launching ceremony of the “CAMPUS ASIA” as well as the 4th Trilateral Business Summit during which they met business representatives of the three countries and delivered speeches on trilateral economic cooperation.



5th Trilateral Summit (Beijing, May 13, 2012)



former ROK President LEE Myung-bak, former China's Premier WEN Jiabao, former Japan's Prime Minister NODA Yoshihiko (from left to right)

Foreign Ministers' Meeting

The 6th **Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting** was held in Ningbo, China on April 8, 2012. The three Foreign Ministers held in-depth discussions on the progress and future direction of the trilateral cooperation and the preparation for the 5th Trilateral Summit Meeting, as well as regional and global issues of common interest. The Secretary-General of the TCS also attended and delivered a report on trilateral cooperation progress. After the meeting, the three Foreign Ministers and Secretary-General of the TCS participated in the launching ceremony of the TCS website. Following the ceremony, the three Foreign Ministers held a joint press conference.



6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting (Ningbo, April 8, 2012)



Side Event - Launching Ceremony of the TCS Website

Latin American and Caribbean Affairs

The 6th **Meeting of Directors-General of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs** among the three foreign ministries was held in Tokyo, Japan in September 2012. The Directors-General discussed the recent developments in Latin America, their respective policies towards Latin America, their economic cooperation with Latin American countries, and links with regional and sub-regional organization, as well as the trilateral cooperation within the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC).

Counter-Terrorism

The 2nd **Trilateral Counter-Terrorism Consultations** were held in Sendai, Japan in July 2012. Responsible ambassador or director-general level officials shared information on the regional and international terrorism situation, and exchanged views on measures and capacity building assistance for counter-terrorism.

Disaster Management

The 6th **Tripartite Meeting on Earthquake Disaster Mitigation** among Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) and China Earthquake Administration (CEA) was held in Hainan province, China on January 10, 2013. It was chaired by CEA. KMA and JMA attended the meeting. The three organizations introduced current work and future plans for earthquake and tsunami warning and information services and also reported significant earthquake disasters in the Northeast Asian region in 2011. The three organizations reached consensus to pursue the implementation of the following action actions: 1) Real-time seismic wave data exchange between KMA and JMA and near real-time seismic data exchange which has been agreed so far between CEA and KMA; 2) Promote international and regional cooperation by sharing information of seismic and volcanic activities on Changbai Mountain (known as Baekdusan in ROK) between CEA and KMA; 3) Discuss details of the cooperation on tsunami hazard analysis and regional capacity development. The three organizations also decided to update the list of focal points.

East-Asia Earthquake Seminar 2012, titled “*International Collaboration and Regional Capacity Building for the Forecast, Preparedness and Early Warning of Earthquake, Tsunami and Volcano in Northeast Asia*,” was held by the National Institute of Meteorological Research (NIMR) under KMA in Jeju, ROK in October 2012. JMA and CEA participated in the seminar. 80 researchers and policy makers participated and discussed on natural disasters issues such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes.

The 1st **Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management** was organized and facilitated by the TCS in Seoul, ROK in March 2013. Officials from disaster management related ministries of

the three countries participated and discussed contingency scenarios involving a large-scale earthquake in ROK. During the TTX, the three countries worked through a set of questions that were structured in three exercise stages: 1) Initial domestic response and notification; 2) Coordination of requests for international assistance; and 3) Deployment and reception of international assistance. This first-ever TTX laid a solid foundation for developing an effective framework of cooperation on disaster relief in the Northeast Asia region, and identifying gaps, issues, challenges for further improvement. The three countries also considered to hold the second TTX.

Nuclear Safety

The 5th **Top Regulators' Meeting on Nuclear Safety** among the three countries was held in Seoul, ROK on November 29, 2012. Hosted by ROK's Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC), Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) and National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) under the China's Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) attended the meeting. The three countries revised and adopted the *Memorandum of Cooperation for Top Regulators Meeting on Nuclear Safety* (MoC), and agreed to conduct various cooperative activities: 1) Exchange information on nuclear regulatory issues of nuclear power stations; 2) Designate contact points for developing effective communication channels in normal and in emergency situations; 3) Create Working Groups (WGs) to develop a framework for sharing information and experience.

Tripartite Partnership Exchange

The 3rd and 4th **Tripartite Partnership Exchange Programs** were held respectively in Seoul, ROK in October 2012; Tokyo/Kanagawa, Japan in February 2013. Officials of the three foreign ministries and related ministries of the three countries had the opportunity to visit several ministries and organizations related with trilateral cooperative projects and to learn and share about each others' country. They also exchanged informally their views on future measures to further promote trilateral cooperation, and met with CAMPUS ASIA students.

2. ECONOMY

Trade and Investment

The 9th **Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers Meeting** was held in Beijing, China on May 12, 2012. The Ministers welcomed the conclusion of the negotiations on the Trilateral Investment Agreement and agreed to recommend to the 5th Trilateral Summit Meeting that the Trilateral FTA negotiation would be launched within 2012. The Ministers shared the view to further promote Intellectual Property Right (IPR), engineering business as well as sub-regional cooperation among the three countries. They also reaffirmed the commitments to strengthen cooperation in the process of East Asian economic integration in major global fora such as the G20 and the WTO, and under regional frameworks such as APEC.

Following the recommendations by the 9th Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers Meeting and the Joint Study for an FTA among the three countries, the 5th Trilateral Summit in Beijing, May 2012, decided to launch the **CJK FTA negotiations** within the same year. Subsequently, three rounds of working-level consultations were held in Tokyo, June 2012; in Qingdao, August 2012; and in Seoul, September 2012 to discuss scheme of negotiations for the CJK FTA. In November 2012, Economic and Trade Ministers of the three countries announced the launch of the CJK FTA negotiations on the occasion of the 21st ASEAN summit and related summits in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In March 2013, the three countries conducted 1st round of CJK FTA negotiations in Seoul and discussed, among others, the mechanism, scope and methods of negotiations.

Trilateral Agreement for the Promotion, Facilitation and Protection of Investment was signed by Trade and Economic Ministers of the three countries in May 2012 on the occasion of the 5th Trilateral Summit. The articles of the Agreement include the National Treatment, Prohibition of Performance Requirement, Most-Favored-Nation Treatment, Intellectual Property Rights, Transparency, and Investor-State Dispute Settlement among others. The three countries are now conducting respective domestic procedures for the agreement to come into effect.

The 4th **Trilateral Business Summit** was held by the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), Nippon Keidanren of Japan and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) back-to-

back with the 5th **Trilateral Summit** in Beijing, May 2012. Joint Statement was issued at the end of the Business Summit, which called upon the three governments to launch the Trilateral FTA negotiations at an earliest time. The three groups also suggested that the three countries further promote financial cooperation as well as industrial cooperation in areas such as energy, environment conservation, logistics and intellectual property rights.



4th Trilateral Business Summit (Beijing, May 13, 2012)

Transport and Logistics

The 4th **Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics** was convened in Busan, ROK on July 16, 2012. Major consensuses of the conference are as follows: 1) ROK and China agreed to vitalize mutual access of trailer chassis under the previously signed agreement, and ROK and Japan agreed to cooperate with each other toward successful implementation of the pilot project. Japan and China agreed to conduct a joint research on the possibility of implementation of a pilot project; 2) the three countries jointly agreed to endeavor to strengthen and improve port related logistic information sharing services, with a view to establishing an effective logistics information service network among the three countries, and actively develop the standards regarding logistics information sharing and enhance the function of logistics information sharing. Additionally, three countries agreed to start research for the cooperation on logistics information service; 3) the three countries jointly agreed to share logistics-related policies and regulations, advanced technologies and joint research, etc., via the web portal of the Northeast Asia Logistics Information Service Network, so as to promote their trilateral cooperation in the logistics area; and 4) the three countries jointly agreed to encourage a research on the development of standards including the quality and strength of pallet. Additionally, the three countries agreed to make efforts to realize a returnable pallet system, which aimed at establishing a low cost

and eco-friendly logistics system. The three countries agreed to conduct joint research and a pilot project for joint use of returnable pallets to resolve customs problems regarding returnable pallets.

The **China-Japan-ROK Transport and Logistics Development Forum** was held alongside the Ministerial Conference with 260 participants of government officials, scholars and business representatives.

The 13th **Northeast Asia Port Director-General Meeting** was held in Otaru, Japan in October 2012. They agreed to integrate the operations of the Consultative Council and the Working Groups. Each working Group was to select a port related subject for research and report the progress of the projects for discussion at the Consultative Council Meeting. The 7th Consultative Council Meeting was held one day before the Director-General Meeting, and decided to perform the following works: 1) “Promotion of Marina Network among Northeast Asia” by ROK; 2) “Promotion of RFID application in the Northeast Asian maritime container transport” by China; 3) “Promotion of Sea-Land Inter-Modal Transport in Northeast Asia” by Japan.



4th Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics (Busan, July 16, 2012)



Customs

Korea Customs Service, the Customs and Tariff Bureau of Ministry of Finance of Japan and General Administration of Customs of China conducted joint operations on intellectual property rights which accelerate the information exchange among specific customs offices of the Three Customs.

Intellectual Property Rights

The 12th **Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting** among the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Japan Patent Office and State Intellectual Property Office of China was held in Wuxi, China on November 7, 2012. The three offices approved the Comparative Study as well as the Case Study on Novelty and the Comparative Table of the Utility Model Protection and agreed to conduct a comparative study on “Requirements for Description and Claims.” The three offices also agreed to promote the Patent Prosecution Highway programs by holding a user seminar and standardizing the rules of application requirement. The offices also decided to hold consultations on exchanging information related to the agenda for the Five IP Offices (IP5) Heads Meeting prior to the Meeting. In addition, the three offices decided to promote cooperation by launching the trilateral website (TRIPO), and also set plans for further cooperation in the fields of work-sharing, design, automation, human resources development and appeal.

The 4th **Experts Group for Patent Examination (JEGPE)** was held in Beijing, China in September 2012. Experts from the three offices discussed quality management in patent examination, utility model systems and the comparative case study on the issue of inventive step and future work. Reviews were also carried out on the Comparative Case Study on Inventive Step report and the Comparative Table of the Utility Model Protection.

The 10th **Joint Expert Group for Automation (JEGA)** was held in October 2012. The three offices discussed the current situation and future development of automation, opening the TRIPO website to the general public, the common application format (CAF), priority document exchange (PDX), XML standardization, data quality control, the exchange of examination information and machine translation.

Finance

The 12th **Trilateral Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Meeting** was held in Manila, Philippines on May 4, 2012. It was the first time the Central Bank Governors participated in this meeting.

The three countries agreed to make commitment to continue implementing appropriate macro-economic policies, including promoting fiscal soundness, expanding domestic demand, increasing employment, and accelerating structural reforms. Regarding ASEAN+3 Financial Cooperation, the three countries showed their supports in strengthening the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM) in its size and function and enhancing the Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI).

The three countries agreed to promote the investment by the foreign reserve authorities in one another’s government bonds, further strengthen their cooperation including the information sharing, and thereby enhance the regional economic relationship among the three countries. They also agreed to have working level officials of the three countries further discuss the methods and procedures of the cooperation.

The 4th **Tripartite Governors’ Meeting** among the Central Banks was held in Dalian, China in August 2012. The Governors reviewed recent economic and financial developments in the three countries, and exchanged views on financial stability, regional cooperation and other issues of common interests.



12th Trilateral Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ Meeting (Manila, Philippines, May 4, 2012)



Science and Technology

The 3rd **Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation** among Korea's Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and China's Ministry of Science and Technology was held on Shanghai, China on April 28, 2012. The Ministers discussed latest science and technology policies, the collaboration among research institutes on basic science, Green Technology Forum, establishment of Joint Research Institute for Bio-information and exchange of scientists, etc. They agreed to strengthen supports for the Joint Research Collaboration Program (JRCP) and encouraged the participation of business groups. They endorsed the key areas for a new phase of JRCP, i.e., water cycle, disaster prevention and environment. They also decided to hold the Trilateral Workshop for Young Scientists on an annual and rotational basis.

The 2nd **Trilateral Workshop for Young Researchers** was held concurrently with the Ministerial Meeting. The Ministers participated in the closing ceremony. The Workshop was titled New Technologies, New Industries, New Development; topic for the plenary session was S&T Development and Industrial Changes in the Future; topics for parallel group discussions were Prospects for the Development of Next-generation Information Technology Industry, Bio-technology and Bio-economy and Prospects for the Development of New Energy. More than 50 young scientists from the three countries attended.

The 10th **Meeting of Heads of Research Councils of Asian Countries (A-HORCs)** was held in Sendai, Japan in September 2012 under the theme of Policies for Enhancing Basic Research. The meeting exchanged information on the S&T strategies and programs. It also discussed two joint programs on the A3 Foresight Program and Northeastern Asian Symposiums. The area for 2012 A3 Foresight Program was Plasma Physics, and two projects (Biomaterial and Nano-biotechnology) were selected for joint-funding.

National Research Foundation of Korea, Japan Science and Technology Agency and China's Ministry of Science and Technology collected research proposals for the 3rd phase of **Joint Research Collaboration Program (JRCP)** during April and May 2012 in the areas of energy saving, disaster prevention and water cycle. Two projects were selected for joint-funding.

ICT Industry

The 11th **Open Source Software (OSS) Meeting among IT Directors-General of the three countries**, and back-to-back with it, the **Northeast Asia OSS Forum** was held in Okinawa, Japan in November 2012. The three countries agreed to strengthen cooperation in developing leading-edge technology of OSS such as cloud computing, big data and smart city, and to enhance exchange between OSS-related firms and experts with a view to promoting the dissemination of the jointly developed OSS by the three countries. They also held a "Training Camp" concurrently with the Forum inviting OSS developers as well as users from the three countries to share their knowledge with OSS learners including students and engineers.

Standardization

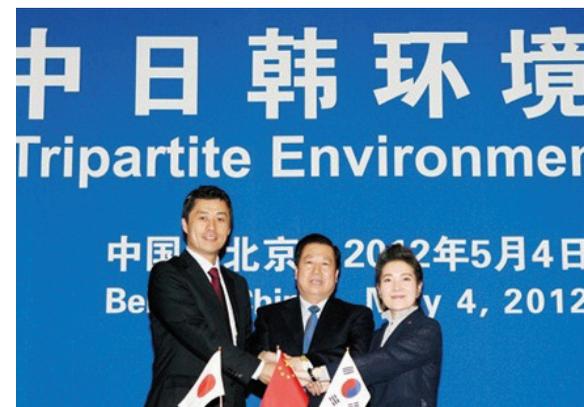
The 3rd **Standing Committee Meeting of the Trilateral Standards Cooperation** was held in Chengdu, China in April 2012 by Korea Agency of Technology and Standards, Japan Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and Standardization Administration of China. The three countries agreed to further promote cooperation in key fields such as disaster management and smart grid, and encouraged the Study Group to explore possible cooperative areas and look into successful cases of each country's standardization activities.

The 11th **Northeast Asia Standards Cooperation Forum** was held concurrently with the Standing Committee Meeting with the participation of private standards associations, government officials and experts of the three countries. Participants reviewed the development of the cooperative projects on freight container, graphical symbols and printed circuit board, and agreed to launch a new cooperative project regarding thermal barrier coatings.

Consumer Policy

The 5th **Trilateral Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy** was held in Beijing, China in July 2012. The meeting was attended by Korea Fair Trade Commission (KFTC), Japan Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) and China State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC), as well as Korea Consumer Agency (KCA), Japan National Consumer Affairs Center (NCAC) and China Consumer's Association. They exchanged information on recent development of consumer protection policies and other issues such as consumer education activities.

Back-to-back with the consultative meeting, the **Trilateral Consumer Policy Forum** was held with the participation of relevant consumer organizations and academia. The discussions focused on consumer protection policies such as regulation on standard form contracts.



14th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting – TEMM 14
(Beijing, May 3-4, 2012)



3. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Environment (TEMM)

The 14th **Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM14)** was held in Beijing, China on May 3-4, 2012. Three ministers shared the recent progress in each country regarding environmental policies after TEMM13. They welcomed the statements that introduced the main environmental efforts in 2011 and key environmental tasks in 2012 by China, titled “*Latest Domestic Environmental Policies in Japan*” by Japan and “*Distribute Fruits of Green Growth Policy to the Entire Society: Major Environmental Policies in 2012*” by ROK. *The Joint Communiqué of the 14th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among China, Japan and Korea* was adopted as the outcome of discussion.

Environmental Education, Environmental Awareness and Public Participation

The 13th **Tripartite Environmental Education Network (TEEN)** workshop and symposium was held in Sendai, Japan in October 2012 and discussed Environmental Education Readers. The 12th **Joint Environmental Training Project** was held in Beijing, China in November/December 2012, and focused on the policy and education experience on lake protection. The TEMM14 **Student Forum** was held in Beijing, China in May 2012 to discuss youth green behavior and their role in promoting sustainable development and green economy.

Climate Change

The three countries conducted the joint research of “**A System Study on How to Promote Green Economy at City level**” in the areas of Green Economy/Green Growth/Low-carbon Development.

Biodiversity Conservation

The 1st **Tripartite Policy Dialogue on Biodiversity** was held in Incheon, ROK in March 2013. The meeting agreed to cooperate in information sharing on ABS, IPBES, Aichi Biodiversity Targets, private sector engagement, and invasive alien species and to strengthen network of research institutions. It also recognized the value of and the need for continued dialogue on biodiversity as a platform for information sharing and partnership.

Dust and Sandstorms (DSS)

The 8th **Tripartite Directors General Meeting** on Dust and Sandstorms (DSS) was held in Kitakyushu, Japan in March 2013. The 7th **Steering Committee Meeting** on DSS was held in Tokyo, Japan in February 2013. Additionally, two Working Groups on DSS were held in November 2012 in Fukuoka, Japan and Jeju, ROK respectively. Regarding the Working Group I (The establishment of DSS monitoring and early warning system), “Special Issue: Dust and Sand Storms in East Asia” of *Asia-Pacific Journal of Atmospheric Sciences* was published in 2013. Also, observation data of DSS in 2010 was shared. Regarding the Working Group II (Prevention and Control of DSS), field survey on DSS was conducted in Hulunbeier, China in September 2012. They jointly decided Hulunbeier to be the research area of vegetation recovery.

Pollution Control

The *Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region (NOWPAP)* has been implemented since March 2008. The **NOWPAP International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) campaign** and workshop on marine litter prevention and control were held in Vladivostok, Russia in July 2012.

Air Pollution The 14th Inter-Governmental Meeting on the **Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)** was held in Yangon, Myanmar in November 2012. The Task Force Meetings for Future Development on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollutants in Northeast Asia (LTP) were held in Seoul, ROK in August 2012 and in Busan, ROK in November 2012 respectively. Expert meeting on LTP was held in Busan, ROK in November 2012. Regarding the Tripartite Workshop on Scientific Research of Photochemical Oxidant, discussion on future activities was made in December 2012.

Water Pollution The second phase of the **Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)**, including the holding of WEPA international workshop and annual meeting was held in Cambodia in February 2013. It published “*WEPA Outlook on Water Environment Management in Asia 2012*”, and recognized the importance of continuing the activities in the third phase of WEPA since 2014 in anticipation of formulating Sustainable Development Goals for water in 2015.

Environment-Friendly Society/3R/Sound Resource Recycle Society

The **seminar on Sound Material-Cycle Society, Circular Economy and 3R** attracts the participation of officials, researchers and private business representatives of the three countries. The 7th seminar was held in Beijing, China in April 2013.

Trans-boundary Movement of E-Waste

The three countries have regular discussion on trans-boundary movement of wastes including E-waste through Asian Network Workshop for Prevention of Illegal Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes. In the TEMM14, the three Ministers agreed to cooperate on combating illegal trans-boundary movement of e-waste. They agreed to explore the possibility of setting up a focal point contact in each country to facilitate information exchange.

Sound Management of Chemicals

The 6th **Tripartite Policy Dialogue on Chemical Management** was held in Hangzhou, China in October 2012, in order to carry out the exchange of information about chemical management policies and regulations among the three countries. This dialogue focused on the updates of chemicals management and regulations. A public seminar was also held to aim to set up a platform for experts and representatives from chemical industry to communicate with the competent authorities of chemicals management.

Environmental Governance in Northeast Asia

The 9th **Tripartite Presidents Meeting (TPM)** among Korea National Institute of Environmental Research, Japan National Institute for Environmental Studies and Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences was held in ROK in November 2012. It was agreed to partially refine the names and content of the eight TPM Priority Research Areas, in order to reflect the changing environmental circumstances in the world. Leading institutes and focal points were designated for each of the eight TPM Priority Research Areas in order for more active research activities. The three countries conducted the joint research on Environmental Governance in Northeast Asia 2012-2014.

Environmental Industries and Technologies

The 12th **Tripartite Roundtable Meeting on Environmental Industry** was convened in Jiangsu province, China in November/December 2012. Experts, researchers, and administrative personnel shared experiences and ideas on green Procurement and environmental labeling, environmental technological exchange and cooperation, and environmental management.

Health and Welfare

The 3rd **Trilateral High-Level Meeting and Policy Seminar on Aging** was held in Tokyo, Japan in August 2012. Officials from Korea Ministry of Health and Welfare, Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare and National Population and Family Planning Commission of China had discussions on “Community and Care service” and “Active aging” and exchanged information about the elderly support policies of each country for further improvement in the elderly care system.

Agriculture

To follow up the agreement of the 1st **Trilateral Agricultural Ministers’ Meeting** held in Jeju, ROK on April 15, 2012, the three countries held the Expert Meeting for Preparation of the 2nd Trilateral Agricultural Ministers’ Meeting in Tokyo, Japan in December 2012.

The 8th **Forum for Agricultural Policy Research in Northeast Asia (FANEA)** was held in Jining, China in June 2012. It was held by the agricultural research institutes of the three countries, i.e., Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI), Japan Policy Research Institute of Ministry of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries (PRIMAFF), and the Institute of Agricultural Economics, China Academy of Agricultural Science (IAE/CAAS). Under the agenda of “Rural Development (Revitalization)”, they had in-depth discussions on “agricultural support policy and development of rural economy and society” as well as “development of logistics and processing in agricultural products and improvement in farm income.”



1st Trilateral Agricultural Ministers Meeting (Jeju, April 15, 2012)



The 5th **Crop Science Seminar in East Asia** was held in Beijing, China in October 2012 under the theme of “Crop Tolerance against Abiotic Stress”. The Crop Science Seminar in East Asia provides a communication platform for the scientists to tackle issues related to the promotion of crop production, technical cooperation in breeding and other research areas among the three countries. More than 100 experts and scholars from the three countries attended the seminar.

Fishery

The 6th **Presidents Meeting among the Fishery Research Institutes of the Three Countries**, namely, Korea National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI), Japan Fisheries Research Agency (FRA), and Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (CAFS), was held in Dalian, China in December 2012. The heads of the three institutes acknowledged significant progress of the joint research activities such as on giant jellyfish. The three institutes adopted the revised Appendix of MOU which included new cooperative projects such as the preservation and sustainable use of coastal ecosystem, marine environment and fishing resources. The **Trilateral Workshop for Sustainable aquaculture technology** was held on the same occasion.

Under the cooperation framework of the three research institutes, the 9th **Trilateral International Workshop for Research on Giant Jellyfish** was held in Okinawa, Japan in December 2012. The participants exchanged information about the situation and possible cause of appearance of the giant jellyfish.

Forestry

At the 5th Trilateral Summit, leaders of the three countries adopted *Joint Statement of Cooperation on Sustainable Forest Management, Combating Desertification and Wildlife Conservation*, reinforcing the commitments of the three countries on the cooperation of sustainable forest development, combating desertification and wildlife conservation. The three countries have been actively engaged in the implementation work and discussed on holding a meeting in an appropriate time to define the future priority.

4. HUMAN AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Culture

The 4th **Trilateral Cultural Ministers’ Meeting** was held in Shanghai, China on May 4-6, 2012, during which *the Shanghai Action Plan of the Trilateral Cultural Ministers’ Meeting (2012-2014)* was signed to strengthen cultural exchanges. The new Action Plan is more specific and substantial in realizing cooperation with concerted efforts. The Action Plan covers an agreement on the modality of “East Asian Cultural Cities”, jointly hosting “East Asia Arts Festival”, and holding cultural activities for the Trilateral Summits, as well as promoting communication and cooperation on the protection of cultural relics and intangible cultural heritage and the strengthening of exchanges and cooperation in the cultural industry.

To celebrate the meeting, the “Asia Galleries Art Fair — Trilateral Fine Art Galleries Exhibition” was held in Shanghai Exhibition Center, joined by more than 50 representative contemporary art galleries from the three countries, in order to promote exchanges and cooperation in activating the cultural and art market of the three countries.



4th Trilateral Cultural Ministers Meeting (Shanghai, May 4-6, 2012)

Tourism

The 7th **Trilateral Tourism Ministers Meeting** is designated to be held in Japan. The 7th **Symposium on Educational Travel among the three countries** was convened in Chengdu, China in August 2012, with more than 200 participants from tourism, education, aviation agencies and industries of the three countries. Under the theme of “Teaching in Travel for Better Future”, they held in-depth discussions on the rules of educational travel in the three countries, shared experience on the development of educational travel, and exchanged views on trilateral youth exchange.

Education

The Launching Ceremony of **CAMPUS Asia** was held in Beijing, China in May 2012, as a side event of the 5th Trilateral Summit. The 10 university consortiums of the three countries, selected as pilot projects at the end of 2011, continued to carry out the student exchange with quality assurance in 2013.

Youth Exchange

The 6th **Trilateral Youth Friendship Meeting** was convened in Seoul, ROK in July 2012, with an aim to deepen mutual understanding and cooperative partnership among the youth of the three countries. Under the main theme of “Harmony and Sharing among Youths of the Three Countries”, around 300 youngsters attended the opening ceremony and had a fruitful discussion based on the surveys on the trilateral youth. In addition, creative performances, trilateral youth street festivals and social/cultural tours were held as part of cultural exchange program.

The Trilateral Youth Forum for the Future was established under the framework of the Trilateral Youth Friendship Meeting. The 1st Forum was held in Seoul, ROK in July 2012. With a total number of 67 participants, Internet Committee, Media Committee and Career Committee were formed under the themes of “Creating Constructive Internet-Use Environment”, “Using Media Products to Promote Friendship and Cooperation” and “Youth’s Preparation for Better Career Choice and Development” respectively. Based on the group seminars, case studies and discussions, the Seoul Declaration was adopted at the plenary meeting and submitted to the three governments.

Sports

With the aim of enhancing competitive abilities and deepening mutual understanding of the youth through promoting sports exchanges, the **20th Trilateral Junior Sports Exchange Meeting** was held in Gwangju, ROK in August 2012. Participated by high school athletes of the three countries, a total of 11 sports were held: Track & Field, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Weightlifting, Handball, Soft Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, and Rugby.

Personnel Administration

The 8th **Symposium on Personnel Administration** among the three countries was held in Tokyo, Japan in November 2012. It focused on emergency responses, preparations of public services and personnel management to unpredictable situations and crisis.

Joint Training Programs for Young/Middle-level Public Employees among three Personnel Authorities were held in Seoul, ROK in September 2012, which provided the opportunity to exchange views on a broad range of issues related to public personnel administration for deepening mutual understanding.

Research Institutes

The 5th **Trilateral Cooperation Forum** was held in Beijing, China in October 2012 by the foreign policy think-tanks of the three countries, namely Korea Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) and China Institute of International Studies (CIIS). Participants discussed various topics including the current status and problems of economic integration among the three countries, regional security situation and cooperation, and trilateral cooperation in Asia-Pacific regional framework.

Media

The 7th **Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum** was held in Seoul, ROK in April 2012, co-sponsored by JoongAng Ilbo of ROK, Nikkei of Japan and Xinhua News Agency of China. Headed by Mr. LEE Hong-koo, former Prime Minister of ROK; Mr. FUKUDA Yasuo, former Prime Minister of Japan; Mr. ZENG Peiyan, former Vice Premier of China, former high-ranking officials and prominent figures from political, academic and business fields participated in the forum. Under the theme of “Uncertainties in the Global Economy and the Trilateral Cooperation”, the participants discussed issues such as environment and energy, finance and trade, culture and education, and called for more active cooperative actions. The trilateral fashion show was also organized as a welcoming event.



Fashion show of 5th Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum (Seoul, April 2012)



Mr. SHIN Bong-kil, the TCS Secretary General gave a speech in the forum.

5. TRILATERAL COOPERATION SECRETARIAT

Since the Establishment

Upon the second year since the establishment, the TCS has been dedicated to promoting trilateral cooperation through involvement in existing trilateral consultative mechanisms and providing administrative assistance. The TCS has participated in the 6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting (April 2012), 1st Trilateral Agricultural Ministers Meeting (April 2012), 5th Trilateral Summit (May 2012), 9th Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers Meetings (May 2012), 4th Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics (July 2012) and provided summary records for the meetings. The TCS has also been taking an active stance in joining a number of working level discussions or seminars in various areas, so as to grasp an overall comprehensive understanding of the trilateral cooperation progress.



Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat



Inside the TCS Office

Trilateral FTA Promotion

To fulfill the mandate of exploring and identifying potential trilateral cooperative projects, the TCS has been dedicated in enhancing the public awareness of cooperation and friendship among the three countries, as well as contributing in the public promotion of trilateral key cooperative projects, in particular the trilateral FTA.

The TCS held the Trilateral Business Networking Reception in January 2013, to commemorate the official announcement of the launch of the trilateral FTA negotiations and to facilitate networking among business groups of the three countries. It also co-hosted the International Seminar on Trilateral FTA in collaboration with Korea Institute of International Economic Policy in Seoul in September 2012.

International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation

The TCS held the “International Forum for the Trilateral Cooperation” with the theme of “2012: Year of Transition and the Trilateral Cooperation” in October 2012 to celebrate the 1st anniversary of its establishment. Mr. KIM Sung-hwan, Former Foreign Minister of ROK; Mr. NAKAGAWA Masaharu, Former Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, and Mr. LU Shumin, Vice President of Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs attended and delivered keynote speeches. Speakers from academic, business, media and civil society sectors of the three countries gave presentations and shared wisdoms on a variety of topics and tabled specific cooperative proposals for the trilateral cooperation.

1st Trilateral Table Top Exercise

To follow up the leaders commitment at the 4th Trilateral Summit (May 2011), the TCS organized and facilitated the 1st Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) in disaster management in March 2013, to increase mutual understanding of the procedures with respect to humanitarian assistance on disaster relief in the three countries.

Outreaching

During the past year, the TCS has been actively expanding network with other regional/international organizations. The TCS delegation paid outreaching visit to the ASEAN Secretariat in February 2013 and EU main organizations in March 2013 to understand the experience of the EU and ASEAN integration and strengthen mutual cooperative relationship. The TCS delegation also visited other organizations such as APEC Secretariat and ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic and Research Office (AMRO) and research institutes/think-tanks such as Johns Hopkins University and The Brookings Institution.

Management

In terms of internal infrastructure building, the TCS has particularly set up Digital Archive for the purpose of effective management and comprehensive preservation of all work-related documents produced by the Secretariat. Documents uploaded on the Digital Archive will be preserved permanently as an institutional memory which can be easily identified, traced, or searched in a digital form by the accessible users and enhance work efficiency.



PART III. CONCLUSION

Outlook for the Trilateral Cooperation

Building upon the above progress, the three countries will continue to strengthen the trilateral cooperation for the peace and prosperity of the region. As we look toward the future, the trilateral cooperation is expected to take on even greater importance as our region continues to face a series of challenges from economic uncertainty to climate change. The three countries will undoubtedly, as they have in the past, leverage the trilateral cooperation framework to turn challenges into strategic opportunities for mutual growth and co-prosperity.

Although the three countries have built up considerable cooperative momentum, the trilateral cooperation can be further developed through consistent exploration of potential areas of cooperation. In addition, through potential new initiatives, it is expected that the three countries will expand partnerships and exchanges not only among governments, but with key stakeholders from parliament, local communities, academia, civil society, media and the private sector. Furthermore, it is anticipated that the on-going Trilateral FTA negotiations will give fresh impetus to greater economic cooperation, bringing not only the three countries, but East Asia as a whole into deeper integration.

Outlook for the TCS

Together with the steady progress of the trilateral cooperation, the TCS is set to assume greater role and responsibility in promoting the vision and key agenda of the trilateral cooperation across the board. In this regard, it will continue to provide support for various trilateral mechanisms, carry out joint initiatives, and explore new avenues of cooperation. Also, it will continue to expand public diplomacy activities, initiate research projects on topics of common interest, and produce a variety of publications including annual reports, progress reports, statistics, and guidebooks. Furthermore, the TCS will continue to forge partnerships with regional organizations in East Asia, especially with ASEAN, through which to deliver cooperative projects to benefit the entire region. The TCS has come far in just a short time, but its work is only beginning. In the coming year, the TCS will stand ready to build on this momentum and make an even greater contribution to the promotion of the trilateral cooperation.

APPENDIX: LIST OF MAJOR TRILATERAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

(Ministerial level and above)

1. Trilateral Summit

- Starting Year: 2008 (Annually)

	Year	Date	Place	Participants
1st	2008	December 13	Japan (Fukuoka)	(Japan) ASO Taro; (China) Wen Jiabao; (ROK) LEE Myung-bak
2nd	2009	October 10	China (Beijing)	(China) WEN Jiabao; (ROK) LEE Myung-bak; (Japan) HATOYAMA Yukio
3rd	2010	May 29-30	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) LEE Myung-bak; (Japan) HATOYAMA Yukio; (China) WEN Jiabao
4th	2011	May 22	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) KAN Naoto; (China) WEN Jiabao; (ROK) LEE Myung-bak;
5th	2012	May 13	China (Beijing)	(China) WEN Jiabao; (ROK) LEE Myung-bak; (Japan) NODA Yoshihiko

2. Trilateral Summit on the occasion of ASEAN+3 Summit

- Starting Year: 1999 (Annually)

	Year	Date	Place	Participants
1st	1999	November 28	Philippines (Manila)	(Japan) OBUCHI Keizo; (ROK) KIM Dae-jung; (China) ZHU Rongji
2nd	2000	November 24	Singapore	(ROK) KIM Dae-jung; (China) ZHU Rongji; (Japan) MORI Yoshiro
3rd	2001	November 5	Brunei (Bandar Seri Begawan)	(Japan) KOIZUMI Junichiro; (China) ZHU Rongji; (ROK) KIM Dae-jung
4th	2002	November 4	Cambodia (Phnom Penh)	(China) ZHU Rongji; (ROK) KIM Suk-soo; (Japan) KOIZUMI Junichiro;
5th	2003	October 7	Indonesia (Bali)	(ROK) ROH Moo-hyun; (Japan) KOIZUMI Junichiro; (China) WEN Jiabao
6th	2004	November 29	Laos (Vientiane)	(Japan) KOIZUMI Junichiro; (China) WEN Jiabao; (ROK) ROH Moo-hyun
7th	2007	January 14	Philippines (Cebu)	(China) WEN Jiabao; (ROK) ROH Moo-hyun; (Japan) ABE Shinzo
8th	2007	November 20	Singapore	(ROK) ROH Moo-hyun; (China) WEN Jiabao; (Japan) FUKUDA Yasuo
9th	2009	April 11	Thailand (Pattaya)	(China) WEN Jiabao; (ROK) LEE Myung-bak; (Japan) ASO Taro
10th	2010	October 29	Vietnam (Hanoi)	(ROK) LEE Myung-bak; (Japan) KAN Naoto; (China) WEN Jiabao
11th	2011	November 19	Indonesia (Bali)	(Japan) NODA Yoshihiko; (China) WEN Jiabao; (ROK) LEE Myung-bak; (TCS) SHIN Bong-kil

3. Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting

- Starting Year: 2007 (Annually)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) Ministry of Foreign Affairs; (Japan) Ministry of Foreign Affairs; (China) Ministry of Foreign Affairs

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2007	June 3	ROK (Jeju Island)	(ROK) SONG Minsoon; (Japan) ASO Taro; (China) YANG Jiechi
2nd	2008	June 14	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) KOUMURA Masahiko; (China) YANG Jiechi; (ROK) YU Myung-hwan
3rd	2009	September 28	China (Shanghai)	(China) YANG Jiechi; (ROK) YU Myung-hwan; (Japan) OKADA Katsuya
4th	2010	May 15	ROK (Gyeongju)	(ROK) YU Myung-hwan; (Japan) OKADA Katsuya; (China) YANG Jiechi
5th	2011	March 19	Japan (Kyoto)	(Japan) MATSUMOTO Takeaki; (China) YANG Jiechi; (ROK) KIM Sung-hwan
6th	2012	April 8	China (Ningbo)	(China) YANG Jiechi; (ROK) KIM Sung-hwan; (Japan) GEMBA Koichiro; (TCS) SHIN Bong-kil

4. Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management

- Starting Year: 2009 (Biennially)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) National Emergency Management Agency; (Japan) Cabinet Office; (China) Ministry of Civil Affairs

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2009	October 31	Japan (Kobe)	(Japan) MAEHARA Seiji; (China) LUO Pingfei; (ROK) PARK Yeon-Soo
2nd	2011	October 28	China (Beijing)	(China) LUO Pingfei; (ROK) LI Ki-Hwan; (Japan) GOTO Hitoshi

5. Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting

- Starting Year: 1999 (Annually)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) Ministry of Environment; (Japan) Ministry of Environment; (China) Ministry of Environment;

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	1999	January 13	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) CHOI Jae-wook; (China) XIE Zhenhua; (Japan) MANABE Kenji
2nd	2000	February 26-27	China (Beijing)	(China) XIE Zhenhua; (Japan) SHIMUZU Kayoko; (ROK) KIM Myung Ja
3rd	2001	April 7-8	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) KAWAGUCHI Yoriko; (ROK) KIM Myung Ja; (China) XIE Zhenhua
4th	2002	April 20-21	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) KIM Myung Ja; (China) XIE Zhenhua; (Japan) OHKI Hitoshi
5th	2003	December 13-14	China (Beijing)	(China) XIE Zhenhua; (Japan) KOIKE Yuriko; (ROK) HAN Myeong Sook
6th	2004	December 4-5	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) KOIKE Yuriko; (ROK) KWAK Kyul Ho; (China) XIE Zhenhua
7th	2005	October 22-23	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) LEE Jae Yong; (China) XIE Zhenhua; (Japan) KOIKE Yuriko
8th	2006	December 2-3	China (Beijing)	(China) ZHOU Shengxian; (Japan) WAKABAYASHI Masatoshi; (ROK) LEE Chi-Beom
9th	2007	December 4-6	Japan (Toyama)	(Japan) KAMOSHITA Ichiro; (ROK) LEE Kyoo-Yong; (China) LI Ganjie
10th	2008	December 1-3	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) LEE Maanee; (China) ZHOU Shengxian; (Japan) SAITO Tetsuo
11th	2009	June 13-14	China (Beijing)	(China) ZHOU Shengxian; (Japan) SAITO Tetsuo; (ROK) LEE Maanee
12th	2010	May 22-23	Japan (Hokkaido)	(Japan) OZAWA Sakihito; (ROK) LEE Maanee; (China) ZHOU Shengxian
13th	2011	April 28-29	ROK (Busan)	(ROK) LEE Maanee; (China) ZHOU Shengxian; (Japan) KONDO Shoichi
14th	2012	May 3-4	China (Beijing)	(China) ZHOU Shengxian; (Japan) HOSONO Goshi; (ROK) YOO Young Sook

6. Tripartite Meeting on Earthquake Disaster Mitigation

- Starting Year: 2004 (Biennially)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) Korea Meteorological Administration; (Japan) Japan Meteorological Agency; (China) China Earthquake Administration

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2004	October 13	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) NAGASAKA Koichi; (ROK) EOM Won-geun; (China) SONG Ruixiang
2nd	2005	October 22	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) SHIN Kyung-sup; (China) CHEN Jianmin; (Japan) NAGASAKA Koichi
3rd	2006	November 20	China (Beijing)	(China) CHEN Jianmin; (Japan) HIRAKI Tetsu; (ROK) LEE Man-ki
4th	2008	November 28	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) HIRAKI Tetsu; (ROK) YOON Seong-kyu; (China) XIU Jigang
5th	2010	November 17	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) CHUN Byung-seong; (China) YIN Chaomin; (Japan) SAKURAI Kunio
6th	2013	January 10	China (Boao)	(China) LIU Yuchen; (Japan) UHIRA Koichi; (ROK) LEE Ilsoo

7. Trilateral Trade and Economic Ministers Meeting

- Starting Year: 2004 (Biennially)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy; (Japan) Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry; (China) Ministry of Commerce

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2002	September 13	Brunei	(China) SHI Guangsheng; (ROK) HWANG Do-yeon; (Japan) HIRANUMA Takeo
2nd	2003	September 3	Cambodia (Phnom Penh)	(ROK) HWANG Do-yeon; (Japan) HIRANUMA Takeo; (China) LV Fuyan
3rd	2004	September 4	Indonesia (Jakarta)	(Japan) NAKAGAWA Shoichi; (China) BO Xilai; (ROK) KIM Hyun-jong
4th	2006	December 9	The Philippines (Manila)	(China) BO Xilai; (ROK) KIM Joong-geun; (Japan) AMARI Akira
5th	2007	November 19	Singapore	(ROK) KIM Jong-hoon; (Japan) AMARI Akira; (China) LIAO Xiaoqi
6th	2009	October 25	Thailand (Hua Hin)	(Japan) NAOSHIMA Masayuki; (China) CHEN Deming; (ROK) KIM Jong-hoon
7th	2010	May 23	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) KIM Jong-hoon; (Japan) NAOSHIMA Masayuki; (China) CHEN Deming
8th	2011	April 24	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) KAIEDA Banri; (China) CHEN Deming;; (ROK) KIM Jong-hoon
9th	2012	May 12	China (Beijing)	(China) CHEN Deming; (ROK) BARK Tae-ho; (Japan) EDANO Yukio

8. Ministerial Meeting for Transport and Logistics

- Starting Year: 2006 (Biennially)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport; (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; (China) Ministry of Transport

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2002	September 13	Brunei	(China) SHI Guangsheng; (ROK) HWANG Do-yeon; (Japan) HIRANUMA Takeo
2nd	2003	September 3	Cambodia (Phnom Penh)	(ROK) HWANG Do-yeon; (Japan) HIRANUMA Takeo; (China) LV Fuyan
3rd	2004	September 4	Indonesia (Jakarta)	(Japan) NAKAGAWA Shoichi; (China) BO Xilai; (ROK) KIM Hyun-jong
4th	2006	December 9	The Philippines (Manila)	(China) BO Xilai; (ROK) KIM Joong-geun; (Japan) AMARI Akira
5th	2007	November 19	Singapore	(ROK) KIM Jong-hoon; (Japan) AMARI Akira; (China) LIAO Xiaoqi
6th	2009	October 25	Thailand (Hua Hin)	(Japan) NAOSHIMA Masayuki; (China) CHEN Deming; (ROK) KIM Jong-hoon
7th	2010	May 23	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) KIM Jong-hoon; (Japan) NAOSHIMA Masayuki; (China) CHEN Deming
8th	2011	April 24	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) KAIEDA Banri; (China) CHEN Deming; (ROK) KIM Jong-hoon
9th	2012	May 12	China (Beijing)	(China) CHEN Deming; (ROK) BARK Tae-ho; (Japan) EDANO Yukio

9. Tripartite Customs Heads Meeting (TCHM)

- Starting Year: 2007 (Annually)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) Korea Customs Service; (Japan) Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance of Japan; (China) General Administration of Customs

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2007	April 11	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) AOYAMA Yukiyasu; (ROK) SEONG Yun-kap; (China) MU Xincheng
2nd	2008	November 11	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) HUR Yong-suk; (China) SHENG Guangzu; (Japan) FUJIOKA Hiroshi
3rd	2009	September 28	China (Beijing)	(China) SHENG Guangzu; (Japan) OHTO Toshiyuki; (ROK) HUR Yong-suk
4th	2011	November 11	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) SHIBOTA Atsuo; (ROK) JOO Yung-sup; (China) YU Guangzhou

10. Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among the Commissioners of the Property/Patent Offices

- Starting Year: 2001 (Annually)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) Korea Intellectual Property Office; (Japan) Japan Patent Office; (China) State Intellectual Property Office

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2001	September 11	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) OIKAWA Kozo; (ROK) LEEM Rae-gyu; (China) WANG Jingchuan
2nd	2002	November 25	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) KIM Gwang-lim; (China) WANG Jingchuan; (Japan) OTA Shinichiro
3rd	2003	November 14	China (Beijing)	(China) WANG Jingchuan; (Japan) IMAI Yasuo; (ROK) HA Dong-man
4th	2004	November 30	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) OGAWA Hiroshi; (ROK) KIM Jong-kap; (China) WANG Jingchuan
5th	2005	December 1	ROK (Daejeon)	(ROK) KIM Jong-kap; (China) TIAN Lipu; (Japan) NAKAJIMA Makoto
6th	2006	December 4	China (Beijing)	(China) TIAN Lipu; (Japan) NAKAJIMA Makoto; (ROK) JUN Sang-woo
7th	2007	December 10	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) KOEZUKA Masahiro; (ROK) JUN Sang-woo; (China) TIAN Lipu
8th	2009	March 12	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) KOH Jung-sik; (China) TIAN Lipu; (Japan) SUZUKI Takashi
9th	2009	December 21	China (Xian)	(China) TIAN Lipu; (Japan) HOSONO Tetsuhiro; (ROK) KOH Jung-sik;
10th	2010	December 2	Japan (Nara)	(Japan) IWAI Yoshiyuki; (ROK) LEE Soo-won; (China) TIAN Lipu
11th	2011	December 16	ROK (Kyungju)	(ROK) LEE Soo-won; (China) TIAN Lipu; (Japan) IWAI Yoshiyuki
12th	2012	November 7	China (Wuxi)	(China) TIAN Lipu; (Japan) FUKANO Hiroyuki; (ROK) KIM Ho-won

11. Tripartite Governors' Meeting among the Central Banks of the three countries

- Starting Year: 2009 (Annually)

- Participating Agencies:

(ROK) The Bank of Korea; (Japan) The Bank of Japan; (China) The People's Bank of China

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2009	July 23	China (Shenzhen)	(China) ZHOU Xiaochuan; (Japan) SHIRAKAWA Masaaki; (ROK) LEE Seong-tae
2nd	2010	August 3	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) SHIRAKAWA Masaaki; (ROK) KIM Choong-soo; (China) ZHOU Xiaochuan
3rd	2011	July 29	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) KIM Choong-soo; (China) ZHOU Xiaochuan; (Japan) SHIRAKAWA Masaaki
4th	2012	August 1	China (Dalian)	(China) ZHOU Xiaochuan; (Japan) SHIRAKAWA Masaaki; (ROK) KIM Choong-soo

12. Trilateral Finance Ministers' Meeting

- Starting Year: 2000 (Annually)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry of Strategy and Finance; (Japan) Ministry of Finance; (China) Ministry of Finance

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2000	September 9	Brunei	(China) XIANG Huaicheng; (ROK)JIN Nyum; (Japan) MIYAZAWA Kiichi
2nd	2002	May 11	China (Shanghai)	(ROK) JEON Yun-churl; (Japan) SHIOKAWA Masajuro; (China) XIANG Huaicheng
3rd	2003	July 5	Indonesia (Bali)	(Japan) SHIOKAWA Masajuro; (China) JIN Renqing; (ROK) KIM Jin-pyo
4th	2004	May 16	ROK (Jeju)	(China) JIN Renqing; (ROK) LEE Hun-jai; (Japan) TANIGAKI Sadakazu
5th	2005	May 4	Turkey (Istanbul)	(ROK) HAN Duck-soo; (Japan) TANIGAKI Sadakazu; (China) JIN Renqing
6th	2006	May 4	India (Hyderabad)	(Japan) TANIGAKI Sadakazu; (China) JIN Renqing; (ROK) HAN Duck-soo
7th	2007	May 4	Japan (Kyoto)	(China) JIN Renqing; (ROK) KWON O-kyu; (Japan) OMI Koji
8th	2008	May 4	Spain (Madrid)	(ROK) KANG Man-soo; (Japan) NUKAGA Fukushima; (China) XIE Xuren
Special	2008	November 14	USA (Washington D.C.)	(ROK) KANG Man-soo; (Japan) NAKAGAWA Shoichi; (China) XIE Xuren
9th	2009	May 3	Indonesia (Bali)	(Japan) YOSANO Kaoru; (China) XIE Xuren; (ROK) YOON Jeung-hyun
10th	2010	May 2	Uzbekistan (Tashkent)	(China) XIE Xuren; (ROK) YOON Jeung-hyun; (Japan) KAN Naoto
11th	2011	May 4	Vietnam (Hanoi)	(ROK) YOON Jeung-hyun; (Japan) NODA Yoshihiko; (China) LI Yong
12th	2012	May 4	The Philippines (Manila)	(Japan) AZUMI Jun; (China) LI Yong; (ROK) BAHK Jae-wan

13. Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation

- Starting Year: 2007 (Biennially)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry of Science, ICT & Future Planning; (Japan) Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications; (China) Ministry of Industry & Information Technology

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2007	January 12	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) KIM Woo-sik; (Japan) IBUKI Bunmei; (China) XU Guanhua;
2nd	2009	May 24	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) SHINONOYA Ryu; (China) WAN Gang; (ROK) AHN Byong-man;
3rd	2012	April 28	China (Shanghai)	(China) WAN Gang; (ROK) LEE Joo-ho; (Japan) HIRANO Hirofumi

14. Trilateral Information and Telecommunication Ministerial Meeting

- Starting Year: 2002
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry of Science, ICT & Future Planning; (Japan) Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications; (China) Ministry of Industry & Information Technology

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2002	September 24	Morocco (Marrakech)	(China) WU Jichuan; (ROK) LEE Sang-chul; (Japan) KATAYAMA Taranosuke
2nd	2003	September 8-9	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) CHIN Dae-je; (Japan) KATAYAMA Taranosuke; (China) WANG Xudong
3rd	2004	July 26	Japan (Sapporo)	(Japan) ASO Taro; (China) WANG Xudong; (ROK) CHIN Dae-je
4th	2006	March 25-26	China (Xiamen)	(China) WANG Xudong; (ROK) RHO Jun-hyong; (Japan) TAKENAKA Heizo
5th	2011	January 14	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	(ROK) CHOI See-joong; (Japan) YAMANAKA Tetsuro; (China) XI Guohua

15. Tripartite Health Ministers Meeting

- Starting Year: 2007 (Annually)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry of Health & Welfare; (Japan) Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare; (China) Ministry of Health

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2007	April 8	ROK (Seoul)	(ROK) RHYU Si-min; (China) KAO Qiang; (Japan) YANAGISAWA Hakuo
2nd	2008	November 2	China (Beijing)	(China) CHEN Zhu; (Japan) MASUZOE Yoichi; (ROK) JEON Jae-hee
3rd	2009	November 23	Japan (Tokyo)	(Japan) NAGATSUMA Akira; (ROK) JEON Jae-hee; (China) CHEN Zhu
4th	2010	November 21	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) CHIN Soo-hee; (China) CHEN Zhu; (Japan) HOSOKAWA Ritsuo
5th	2011	November 13	China (Qindao)	(China) CHEN Zhu; (Japan) KOMIYAMA Yoko; (ROK) RIM Che-min

16. Trilateral Agricultural Ministers' Meeting

- Starting Year: 2012 (Annually)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry for Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs; (Japan) Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries; (China) Ministry of Agriculture

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2012	April 15	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) SUH Kyu-yong; (China) HAN Changfu; (Japan) KANO Michihiko

17. Trilateral Water Resources Ministers' Meeting

- Starting Year: 2012 (Annually)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure & Transport; (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport & Tourism;
(China) Ministry of Water Resources

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2012	March 13	France (Marseille)	(China) CHEN Lei; (ROK) HAN Man-hee; (Japan) OKUDA Ken

18. Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting

- Starting Year: 2007 (Annually)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism; (Japan) Agency of Culture; (China) Ministry of Cultural Affairs

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2007	September 19-21	China (Nantong)	(China) SUN Jiazheng; (ROK) KIM Jong-min; (Japan) AOKI Tamotsu
2nd	2008	December 24-26	ROK (Jeju)	(ROK) YU In-chon; (Japan) AOKI Tamotsu; (China) CAI Wu
3rd	2011	January 18-20	Japan (Nara)	(Japan) TAKAKI Yoshiaki; (China) CAI Wu; (ROK) YU In-chon
	2012	May 4-6	China (Shanghai)	(China) CAI Wu; (ROK) CHOE Kwang-shik; (Japan) HIRANO Hirofumi

19. Tripartite Tourism Ministers' Meeting

- Starting Year: 2006 (Annually)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism; (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport & Tourism;
(China) National Tourism Administration

	Year	Date	Place	Participant Ministers
1st	2006	July 1-3	Japan (Hokkaido)	(Japan) KITAGAWA Kazuo; (China) SHAO Qiwei; (ROK) KIM Myong-gon
2nd	2007	June 25-28	China (Qingdao and Dalian)	(China) SHAO Qiwei; (ROK) KIM Jong-min (Japan) FUYUSHIBA Tetsuzo
3rd	2008	June 22-25	ROK (Busan and Cheongju)	(ROK) YU In-chon; (Japan) FUYUSHIBA Tetsuzo; (China) SHAO Qiwei
4th	2009	October 17-21	Japan (Nagoya and Takayama)	(Japan) MAEHARA Seiji; (China) SHAO Qiwei; (ROK) YU In-chon
5th	2010	August 21-24	China (Hangzhou and Huzhou)	(China) SHAO Qiwei; (ROK) YU In-chon; (Japan) MAEHARA Seiji
6th	2011	May 28-31	ROK (Pyeongchang)	(ROK) CHOUNG Byoung-gug; (Japan) OHATA Akihiro; (China) SHAO Qiwei

20. Heads Meeting of Personnel Authorities

- Starting Year: 2005 (Annually)
- Participating Agencies:
(ROK) Civil Service Commission; (Japan) National Personnel Authority; (China) Ministry of Personnel

	Year	Date	Place
1st	2005	January 12	ROK (Seoul)
2nd	2006	May 24	Japan (Tokyo)
3rd	2007	July 6	China (Beijing)
4th	2008	August 29	ROK (Seoul)
5th	2009	August 28	Japan (Tokyo)
6th	2010	August 26-27	China (Dalian)