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According to the *Agreement on the Establishment* of the *Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS)* signed by the governments of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea in December 2010, the TCS was established as an international organization in September 2011 in Seoul. The Annual Report FY2020 contains activities and events engaged by the TCS during the 2020 fiscal year (September 2020 – August 2021).

This Report, in principle, employs the alphabetical order in listing the names of the three countries; however, the order may vary depending on individual cases such as chair country or visiting order.

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# **Foreword**



It is my genuine delight to issue the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) Annual Report for the 2020 Fiscal Year (September 2020–August 2021), which highlights successful outcomes of TCS' activities and events under the leadership of the 5<sup>th</sup> TCS Consultative Board thanks to the unwavering support of the three countries despite the difficulties and challenges.

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The FY2020 is remarkable for the TCS. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the TCS braced for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment. By extending steadfast support to the trilateral consultative mechanisms as well as carrying out a series of commemorative activities and events proactively, the TCS has devoted itself to keeping the steady momentum of the Trilateral Cooperation against the backdrops of the unprecedented difficulties and challenges. Taking this opportunity, I would like to extend my wholehearted gratitude to the governments of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea for their trust and support. My appreciation also goes to our partners in the business, academic, youth, cultural, and media sectors of the three countries and beyond. Moreover, I would like to pay tribute to the previous TCS Consultative Boards for building the once nascent international organization from the ground up.

Throughout the whole year, the TCS witnessed the giant vessel of Trilateral Cooperation keeping its pace by continuing the mechanisms and dialogues mainly through online channels. For the first time since the 8<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Summit Meeting in Chengdu, China in 2019, the Leaders of the three countries met together in 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Summit, reaffirming their commitments to making joint efforts to prevent the pandemic risks and maintain peace, security, and prosperity in the region. A series of

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ministerial-level meetings, including the 20<sup>th</sup> Trilateral IP Offices Head's Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting, the 8<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics, and the 12<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Culture Ministers Meeting, and other Trilateral Cooperation mechanical projects at various levels in all spectrums, were convened and carried out successfully, giving strong impetus to the post-pandemic recovery of the economy and socio-cultural exchanges of the three countries against the headwind of the changing situation in this region. The TCS contributed its due part by faithfully fulfilling its functions as mandated.

Consolidating the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the TCS endeavored to further substantialize the Trilateral Cooperation. The International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2021, as the longstanding and signature event of the TCS, was held successfully in an online-offline hybrid format, during which the honorable Foreign Ministers of the three countries delivered congratulatory remarks. Apart from that, the TCS hosted 6 commemorative symposiums, touching upon those common issues and challenges faced by the three countries including regional cooperation, rural revitalization, aging society, and urban regeneration. The First 10 Years: Photo Booklet of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Photo Exhibition were also inaugurated by the TCS to showcase the history and past achievements of the TCS while broadening public awareness of the Trilateral Cooperation and TCS while reaching out to the public.

Over the past decade, the Trilateral Cooperation has developed into an all-dimension cooperative platform with Trilateral Summiting Meeting as the core, the 21 Trilateral

Ministerial Meeting mechanisms as the main body, and the TCS as the prop, playing an increasingly significant role in safeguarding the regional peace, stability, and resilience. The three countries have shown how much we can accomplish through cooperation, and we should never lose sight of how much further we can move forward, as much of the fertile ground for potential cooperation among the three countries has yet to be realized. With the successful conclusion of the consecutive Olympic events in China, Japan and the ROK, and the enforcement of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, we are hailing new opportunities for Trilateral Cooperation that will further serve the interests of the people of the three countries. The 6<sup>th</sup> TCS Consultative Board members and all staff at the TCS will spare no effort to strengthen Trilateral Cooperation and continue contributing to cordial, cooperative, and future-oriented trilateral relations. I look forward to leading the TCS toward its mandates and visions in the coming future, and as such I sincerely seek your attention and support now more than ever.

**OU Boqian** 

Secretary-General Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat TCS Annual Report FY2020

The Trilateral Cooperation international organization established with a vision to promote peace, stability and common prosperity in the East Asian Region. According to the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS signed and ratified by the three governments of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, the TCS was officially inaugurated in Seoul in September 2011. Based on equal participation, each country shares one-third of the total operational budget.

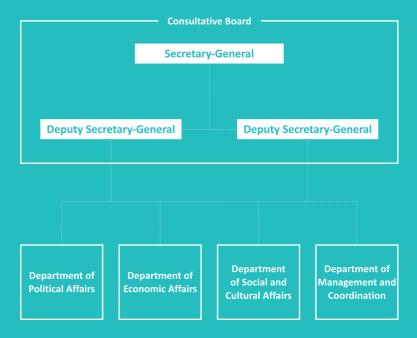
The TCS aims to serve as a hub for Trilateral Cooperation that encompasses a broad spectrum of sectors and stakeholders across the three countries and the East Asia region at large. To solidify the cooperative ties among the three countries, the TCS will strive to ensure that China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation remains dynamic and future-oriented in the coming days.

## **Functions**



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## **Structure**



7 About the TCS

### **Consultative Board**

The Consultative Board, the executive decision-making body, is comprised of a Secretary-General (SG) and two Deputy Secretaries-General (DSGs), who are appointed by each country on a two-year rotational basis.



## **Departments**

There are four Departments that are composed of the Professional Staff (PS) seconded by the three governments, and the General Services Staff (GSS) recruited through open competition from the three countries.



- Foreign Affairs
- Security
- Regional Issues
- International Issues
- Disaster Prevention and Management
- Think-Tank Networks
- Media and Public Relations



- Trade and Investment
- Transport and Logistics
- Customs
- Intellectual Property Rights
- ICT Industry
- Finance
- Science and Technology
- Standardization
- Energy
- Consumer Policies
- Environmental Protection
- Agriculture
- Water Resources
- Forestry



- Culture
- Youth Exchanges
- Education
- Health and Welfare
- Tourism
- Local Government Exchange
- Personnel Administration
- Sports



- Planning and Coordination
- Human Resources
- Administrative and Legal Support
- Budget and Accounting
- Archives

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# Historical Background and Development

#### 2009.10

### Consensus on a Need for a Permanent Secretariat for the Trilateral Cooperation

The three Leaders agreed to establish a secretariat for the cooperation among the three countries at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trilateral Summit (Reiiing)

#### 2010.05

# Memorandum on the Establishment of the TCS

the Memorandum on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trilateral Summit (Jeju, ROI

#### 2010.12

# Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS

The three governments signed the Agreement on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation

#### 2011.09

# Establishment of the TCS

Ceremony of the TCS (Seoul)



2013

TCS' First Participation in Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting (Gwangju, ROK) and Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (Seoul)

TCS has been participating in the

2014

TCS' First Participation in Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among the Commissioners of the Property/Patent Offices (Seoul) and Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (Daegu, ROK)

TCS has been participating in the subsequent Meetings.

2015

TCS' First Participation in Top Regulators' Meeting on Nuclear Safety (Seoul), Trilateral Heads' Meeting of Personnel Authorities (Seoul) and Trilateral Tourism Ministers' Meeting (Tokyo)

TCS has been participating in the subsequent Meetings. 2016

TCS' First Participation in Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting (Seoul) and Trilateral Sports Ministers' Meeting (Pyeongchang, ROK)

TCS has been participating in the subsequent Meetings.

9 About the TCS

2011.10

1<sup>st</sup> International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) hosted by TCS (Seoul)

9 IFTCs have been held by TCS

TCS' First Participation in Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management (later on as Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management) (Kobe, Japan)

TCS has been participating in the subsequent Meetings.

2012.05

TCS' Participation in 5<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Summit (Beijing, China)

participating in the subsequent Summits.

2012

TCS' First Participation in Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Ningbo, China), Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers Meeting, Trilateral Agricultural Ministers' Meeting (Jeju, ROK), Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Water Resources (Marseille, France) and Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics (Busan, ROK)

TCS has been participating in the subsequent

2013.10

TCS' Participation in the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Summit (Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam)

TCS has been participating in the subsequent



2016.09

TCS' Participation in Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-Tanks (NTCT)

TCS is the coordinator of NTCT

2018.05

TCS' First Participation in Trilateral Ministers' Meeting on Information and Communication (Tokyo)

TCS has been participating in the subsequent meetings. 2019.12

TCS' First Participation in Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (Seoul) 2020.07

Webinar on Managing COVID-19 Pandemic hosted by 2021

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Establishment of TCS

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# Highlights

The year 2021 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the TCS. Over the past decade, the TCS has strived to execute its role as a hub for Trilateral Cooperation by fulfilling its five mandates. Moving forward, with Trilateral Cooperation being more dynamic and solidified, the TCS' role will continue to expand. A series of activities and events are organized to celebrate TCS 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout 2021.

## **IFTC 2021**



The International Forum for the Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC), one of the signature projects of the TCS, provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness, review past achievements, and explore future-oriented policy references of the trilateral cooperation to the three countries. This year, the IFTC 2021 was held on April 27, in an online-offline hybrid format, with the offline portion in Seoul, the ROK. The theme was "In light of the TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The New Trilateral Partnership in the Next Decade".

## **TCS 10th Anniversary Symposium Series**



- **Vol. 1** A Conversation with TCS Secretary-General Hisashi Michigami: Trilateral Cooperation and Youth Exchange
- **Vol. 2** Urban Regeneration in China, Japan and the ROK: Trends and Cases
- Vol. 3 Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum (TEF)2021
- Vol. 4 China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation: Towards Shared Peace and Prosperity
- Vol. 5 Trilateral Agricultural Development and Rural Revitalization beyond COVID-19
- Vol. 6 Promoting Trilateral Cooperation at the Local Level

## **TCS 10th Anniversary Video**



A 4-minutes video was produced to celebrate the  $10^{th}$  anniversary of the establishment of the TCS. It features the history, past achievements, and expectations of the TCS for the next 10 years. The video was played on various anniversary occasions throughout the year 2021 to reflect on the progress of TCS' development and raise the public understanding of the significance of promoting Trilateral Cooperation.

TCS 10th Anniversary Video URL https://10th.tcs-asia.org/10th/en/sub/02.php

## **TCS 10th Anniversary Photo Exhibition**



TCS organized the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Exhibition in Jeongdong 1928 Art Center and the Embassy of Japan to further promote public awareness of Trilateral Cooperation and the TCS.

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# The First 10 Years: Photo Booklet of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat



Published in three bilingual editions in Chinese-English, Japanese-English and Korean-English, the booklet spotlights the TCS' endeavors and accomplishments in the past 10 years, covering trilateral summits, ministerial mechanisms, intergovernmental consultations and cooperative projects in politics, economy and socio-culture, and illustrating the momentum and dynamics of the TCS itself and Trilateral Cooperation among China, Japan and the ROK.

# China Report Special Issue: Trilateral Cooperation to the Next Decade



The multi-lingual (Chinese, Japanese, Korean and English) issue invited former ambassadors, scholars, journalists and civil society representatives from China, Japan and the ROK to review and reflect on the achievements and highlights of the TCS and Trilateral Cooperation, as well as to offer suggestions and prospects for the new-decade cooperation.

# Official Website for Trilateral Transport and Logistics Cooperation



The Official Website for Trilateral Transport and Logistics Cooperation, launched in August 2021, functions as a gateway for the public to access information of the trilateral transport and logistics cooperation, as well as provides an online platform for the smooth coordination and policy exchange among relevant ministries. The development of the Website is TCS' follow-up project of the China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics, in close coordination with the Ministry of Transport of China, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK.

Website URL: https://www.cjk-tl.org



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# Providing Support for Trilateral Consultative Mechanisms

"Provide administrative and technical support for the operation and management of such trilateral consultative mechanisms among the Parties as the Trilateral Summit Meeting, the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Three-Party Committee and other ministerial meetings, and the Trilateral Senior Foreign Affairs Officials' Consultation and send, if necessary, its representatives to attend major consultative mechanisms"

Article 3.1(a) of the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS

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# **Political Affairs**

# \* Summit and Foreign Affairs



In FY2020, the TCS kept close contact with the Foreign Ministries of the three countries at different levels on a series of important political and diplomatic agendas, and stood ready to facilitate and participate in the Trilateral Summit Meeting, the ASEAN Plus Three Summit, the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Senior Officials' Meeting on Foreign Affairs as well as regular policy consultations among the departments of the three Foreign Ministries.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit

The TCS delegation, headed by Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi, was invited to the 23<sup>rd</sup> APT Summit held via video conference on 14 November 2020. The TCS observed the APT Leaders' remarks on the review and future direction of APT cooperation and regional and international issues. The Leaders agreed to further strengthen the role of the APT mechanism in the effective control and prevention of the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders of ASEAN countries highly appreciated the contributions of China, Japan, and the ROK in implementing the initiatives of joint response including establishing the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund and the Regional Reserve of Medical Supplies for Public Health Emergencies. They welcomed the signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership agreement, underscoring the importance of promoting post-pandemic recovery by persisting multilateral cooperation.

The APT cooperation process began in December 1997 with the convening of an Informal Summit between the Leaders of ASEAN and China, Japan and the ROK. The APT Summit was institutionalized in 1999 to strengthen and deepen cooperation in East Asia at various levels and areas.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 14, 2020

Format video conference

Leaders of the Plus Three countries

Outcomes · Chairman's Statement of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Summit

· ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' Statement on Strengthening ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation for Economic and Financial Resilience in the Face of Emerging Challenges



# \* Non-traditional Security



The three neighboring countries have been working together under such trilateral mechanisms as disaster management, nuclear safety, earthquake disaster mitigation and others on cooperative activities to build capacities of relevant agencies and institutions in the three countries. The TCS has been supporting the mechanisms by carrying out projects including working-level consultative meetings, joint exercises and seminars for more effective coordination and enhanced regional capabilities.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Cyber Policy Consultation

The TCS took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Cyber Policy Consultation as an observer. The TCS closely followed the three parties' discussion on national cyber security strategies, international cyber issues and possible areas of future cooperation.

The Trilateral Cyber Policy Consultation was proposed by China in 2013, and the first consultation was held in the following year. The Consultation is a venue for the three countries

to exchange views related to the respective cyber policies and best practices, and to improve mutual trust and Trilateral Cooperation in the cyber domain. Until 2020, the five consultations have been held.

### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 9, 2020

Format video conference

Agenda · Information-sharing on the respective national cyber security strategy, policy and relevant government structures

· International cyber issues such as the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts (UNGGE), confidence-building and capacity-building measures, and international and regional engagements

· Possible areas of Trilateral Cooperation



**Trilateral** Web-Based Information **Exchange** Meeting on **Nuclear Safety**  Trilateral Web-Based Information Exchange Meeting on Nuclear Safety was convened virtually under the framework of the Trilateral Top Regulators' Meeting (TRM) on Nuclear Safety, as the 13<sup>th</sup> TRM could not take place in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The TCS attended the meeting as an observer. The three regulatory authorities updated nuclear safety regulatory activities over the past year in each country and had a view exchange on other topics of common interest. They committed to furthering Trilateral Cooperation on nuclear safety under the TRM mechanism.

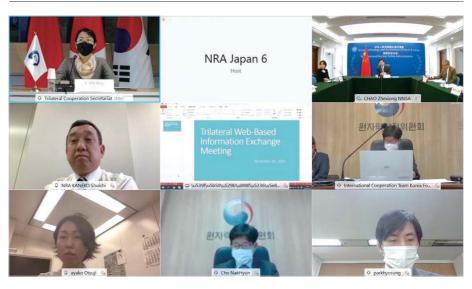
The TRM on Nuclear Safety, inaugurated in September 2008, was given the mandate to promote information exchange on issues and technologies related to nuclear safety regulations and reinforcement of regional nuclear safety cooperation. Under this mechanism, there were technical dialogues called the TRM Plus, JED and three Working Groups, namely the Working Group on Human Resources Development (WGHRD), Working Group on Online Information Sharing (WGOIS), and Working Group on Emergency Preparedness and Response (WGEPR).

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 26, 2020

Venue Tokyo/Online (Hosted by Nuclear Regulation Authority of Japan)

- Participants Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) of Japan
  - Ministry of Ecology and Environment (National Nuclear Safety Administration) (MEE/ NNSA) of China, Nuclear and Radiation Safety Center (NRSC) of China
  - Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC) of ROK, and Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety (KINS)



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# \* Disaster Management



There has been increasing recognition of the importance of promoting disaster risk reduction efforts at all levels, taking a holistic approach to disaster management through regional and international cooperation. Considering that the three countries are close neighbors separated merely by bodies of water, close cross-border and regional cooperation is essential for them to effectively respond to disasters and implement measures to reduce risks, thereby ensuring resilient societies and a safer environment in the region.

2021 Trilateral **Working-level** Consultation Meeting on Disaster Management

TCS hosted the online 2021 Trilateral Working-level Consultation Meeting on Disaster Management on March 25, 2021. The representatives of the three authorities on disaster management shared the experiences of responding to high-profile disasters in the three countries and the suggestions regarding the follow-ups of the last ministerial meeting and future cooperation. They also had preliminary view exchanges on the preparation for the 7<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management to be hosted by Japan.

Trilateral Working-level Consultation Meeting on Disaster Management, initiated by the TCS in 2018, was serving as a biennial platform for working-level officials of three authorities on disaster management to exchange views more frequently including preparation of the next Trilateral Ministerial Meetings and development of disaster management policies as well as to learn each other's experiences in the recovery phase of disasters.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date March 25, 2021

Format video conference

- Participants Ministry of Emergency Management of China (MEM), National Disaster Risk Reduction Center of China (NDRCC)
  - Cabinet Office of Japan (CAO), Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)
  - Ministry of Interior and Safety of the ROK (MOIS)
  - 100 United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction-Office for Northeast Asia & Global Education and Training Institute (UNDRR ONEA-GETI)



# Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development

# \* Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)



Reflecting the huge number of patent applications in the three countries which comprise more than half of the world total, emphasis has been made on the growing need for cooperation among the three countries in the development of worldwide intellectual property (IP) systems. The Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among the Commissioners of the IP Offices, usually known as TRIPO (Trilateral IP Offices) Heads Meeting, is the highest consultative meeting among the IP offices of China, Japan, and the ROK, and is equivalent to a ministerial-level meeting. In addition to the TRIPO Heads Meeting, various working-level meetings have continuously been held to promote Trilateral Cooperation in the IP field. The TCS has been involved in TRIPO since 2014 and has continued its effort to support this trilateral mechanism.

## 20<sup>th</sup> TRIPO Heads Meeting

The 20<sup>th</sup> TRIPO Heads meeting, hosted by the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 1, 2020. The meeting was participated by the commissioners of the Intellectual Property (IP) offices of China, Japan and the ROK.

TCS SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi delivered congratulatory remarks at the opening ceremony. He expressed gratitude and respect for the three IP offices for continuously improving IP cooperation despite the spread of COVID-19. He also expressed TCS' commitment to supporting further Trilateral Cooperation in IP practices.



#### **OVERVIEW**

TRIPO Heads Meeting is held annually since 2001 on a rotational basis among the three countries. The meeting promotes cooperation in the IP field, such as human resource management, trademark, trial and appeal, and design. Also, the meeting is followed by the User Symposium, a public event to promote the changes and developments of IP practices and policies to the trilateral audiences.

Date December 1, 2020

Venue Online

China National Intellectual Property Administration

Japan Patent Office

# \* Transport and Logistics



China, Japan, and the ROK have been cooperating in various areas in transport and logistics. Under the framework of the China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics, the three countries developed comprehensive follow-up mechanisms aligning with the Action Plans, including Northeast Asia Port Director-General Meeting, Northeast Asia Port Symposium, and Northeast Asia Logistics Information Service Network (NEAL-NET) Expert Meeting, etc.

The TCS has been actively and deeply involved in the China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics since the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference in 2012 and continues to reinforce its role by exploring as well as implementing cooperative projects.

8<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics TCS SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi attended the  $8^{th}$  China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics held in a virtual format on August 20, 2021, as an observer.

At the conference, SG MICHIGAMI briefed on the recent progress of overall Trilateral Cooperation and reported the newly launched Official Website for the Trilateral Cooperation on Transport and Logistics, which was developed by the TCS in close coordination with the three relevant ministries. Following SG MICHIGAMI's report, the three Ministers, in their comments, highly evaluated and appreciated TCS' substantial contribution and expected the website to play as a platform to further strengthen trilateral transport and logistics cooperation at both public and private levels. Besides, the three Ministers congratulated on the TCS' 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and recognized TCS' efforts in intensifying Trilateral Cooperation in diverse areas.

During the conference, the three Ministers exchanged views on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change on international and domestic logistics and discussed measures of stepping up cooperation in transport and logistics under the three new major goals,

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including 1) Promotion of a Resilient Logistics Network, 2) Creation of a Seamless Logistics System, and 3) Establishment of Environmentally Friendly Logistics. The Joint Statement of the 8<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics was adopted at the Conference, followed by a side event of the China-Japan-Korea Logistics Development Forum hosted by the Kobe City of Japan.

#### **OVERVIEW**

China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics was established in 2006 and has been held on a biannual basis. There are three major goals identified at the meeting for cooperation, namely promotion of a resilient logistics network, creation of a seamless logistics system and establishment of environmentally friendly logistics.

Date August 20, 2021

Venue Online

Participants • Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (Host)

Ministry of Transport of China

Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK



Directorial
Meetings for the
8<sup>th</sup> China-JapanKorea Ministerial
Conference on
Transport and
Logistics

TCS delegation attended a series of Directorial Meetings for the 8<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics held from January to August of 2021, hosted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism of Japan. During the meetings, the three parties discussed plans of preparation work for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference and reaffirmed their commitments for close collaboration. Participants also shared views on major changes in the social environment in recent years and the countermeasures of each country in response to the challenges on transport and logistics posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### 1st-5th Directorial Meeting for the 8th China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics

Date 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting- January 29, 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – March 26, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – June 25, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting – July 29, 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – August 18, 2021

Venue Online

Participants • Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (Host)

Ministry of Transport of China

Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK



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Official Website for Trilateral Transport and Logistics Cooperation As one of the follow-ups of the China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics, the TCS has launched the Official Website for the Trilateral Cooperation on Transport and Logistics, which was announced at the 8<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference held on August 20, 2021. The website is an online platform providing comprehensive information on trilateral transport and logistics cooperation mechanisms, established to share policies and facilitate coordination among the three governments as well as to enable the people of the three countries to better access the information of the Ministerial Conference. Database resource is conducive to research and exchange among experts and corporations in relevant fields at the private level.

Endorsed at the 7<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics held in 2018, the website has been developed by the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) in close coordination with the Ministry of Transport of China, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK.

### Website URL https://www.cjk-tl.org



# \* Environmental Protection



The Tripartite Environmental Ministers Meeting (TEMM) takes the lead in addressing common environmental challenges. By providing support to the meetings and conducting follow-up projects assigned at TEMM, TCS contributes to enhancing the three countries' joint efforts to promote sustainability in Northeast Asia and beyond. TCS has participated in TEMM since 2014 and its current projects under TEMM especially focus on public awareness areas.

## Pre-TEMM22 and Directors General Meeting for TEMM22

TCS delegation participated in the Pre-TEMM22 (The 22<sup>nd</sup> Tripartite Environment Ministers' Meeting) Working-level Meeting on September 2, 2020. During the meeting, the three parties discussed TEMM22 arrangement and the new Tripartite Joint Action Plan (TJAP) under the 8 priorities agreed at TEMM21 based on the lessons learned from the implementation of TJAP 2015-2019.

On September 25, 2020, TCS delegation participated in the Directors General Meeting for TEMM22 held online. DGs of the three countries reviewed the progress of trilateral environmental cooperation and discussed pathways toward the TEMM22. TCS DSG KANG Do-ho emphasized that TCS is ready to participate in the implementation of the TJAP and also provide support for the ministries. All three parties reaffirmed mutual support towards a successful TEMM22 in the face of the challenges brought by the pandemic.

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TEMM was launched in 1999 and it comprises of multi-layer cooperation mechanisms that involve government authorities, research institutes and civil society. Every five years, the Ministers Meeting identifies priority cooperation areas and implements cooperative projects systematically based on the Tripartite Joint Action Plan.

#### **Pre-TEMM22 Working Level Meeting**

Date September 2, 2020

Venue Online

Participants Ministry of Environment of the ROK (Host)

Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China

Ministry of the Environment of Japan

#### **Directors General Meeting for TEMM22**

Date September 25, 2020

Venue Online

Participants Ministry of Environment of the ROK (Host)

Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China

Ministry of the Environment of Japan



2020 NOWPAP-TEMM Joint Workshop on Marine Litter Management TCS attended the 2020 NOWPAP (Northwest Pacific Action Plan)-TEMM Joint Workshop on Marine Litter Management on December 2, 2020. The NOWPAP-TEMM Joint Workshop on Marine Litter Management is one of the working group meetings in the framework of TEMM. TCS has been attending the Workshop since 2018 to expand its network and explore cooperative projects with relevant stakeholders including governments of China, Japan, the ROK and Russia as well as international organizations. In the meeting, TCS introduced its activities in the environment and sustainable development field to exchange ideas on potential projects for marine litter management cooperation.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 2, 2020

Venue Online

Participants NOWPAP Regional Coordinating Unit (Host)

Maritime State University Named After Admiral G.I. Nevelskov (Russia)

Ministry of the Environment of Japan

Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK

Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences

UN Environment Program (UNEP), Basel Convention Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), COBSEA Secretariat, Our Sea of Asian Network (OSEAN), Rendu Ocean



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# **Social and Cultural Affairs**

# \* Culture



The three countries of China, Japan, and the ROK share a common cultural root but each country has developed its own unique culture based on its rich history. Cultural traditions are valuable intellectual properties and spiritual foundations of the three countries and have greatly contributed to the cultural development in Asia and beyond. Recognizing the value of culture and the necessity to make joint efforts to protect and develop their cultural traditions, the three governments established the Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting (TCMM) in 2007 to promote peaceful coexistence, stability and prosperity utilizing culture as a bridge.

The TCS has been expanding the contributions to the major initiatives of the TCMM, including its continued support for various projects under the framework of TCMM such as the Culture City of East Asia (CCEA) program and the Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum.

# 12<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting (TCMM)

On August 30, 2021, TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi attended the online 12<sup>th</sup> TCMM as an observer. During the meeting, the three ministers discussed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and exchanged ideas on how to further enhance trilateral cultural cooperation, recognizing the growing presence of leading technology in art and culture. They agreed to promote cultural exchange in the following five respects: 1) Local city exchange, such as the Cultural Cities of East Asia (CCEA), 2) Practical cooperation between cultural and art institutions, 3) Promoting continuous development of the cultural and tourism industries, 4) Strengthening coordination for protecting cultural heritage, 5) Seizing the opportunity of the Olympic/Paralympic games to implement joint cultural and art programs. The Kitakyushu Declaration, adopted by the three countries following the 12<sup>th</sup> TCMM, welcomes support from the TCS for the continued development of the Culture Cities of East Asia.

The TCMM is a trilateral mechanism established in 2007 to promote cultural exchange and cooperation among the three countries. The TCMM has identified cooperation in the field of culture and art, cultural assets, and cultural industries as important pillars of trilateral cultural cooperation. The TCS has continuously participated since the 5<sup>th</sup> TCMM held in 2013.

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## **OVERVIEW**

Date August 30, 2021

Venue Online

Participants • Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan

Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China

Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK

Outcome Kitakyushu Declaration





## **Culture City of** East Asia (CCEA)

On May 14, 2021, the TCS was invited to the Culture City of East Asia (CCEA) 2021 Suncheon Opening Ceremony. Under the city's theme of "Suncheon Bay Embraces East Asia", the ceremony was hosted by Suncheon City and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK. Participants from the Public Information and Cultural Center of the Embassy of Japan in Korea, ROK CCEAs, sister-cities of Suncheon City, and local arts and culture organizations attended. Dunhuang and Shaoxing of China and Kitakyushu of Japan also participated online. A variety of events such as cultural and art performances and media art performances (media art shows) were held on a floating water stage to commemorate the opening ceremony.

The "Culture City of East Asia" project was established in accordance with the agreements made at the 4<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting held in Shanghai in May 2012. The three countries select 1~2 cities representing their country's traditional culture or aiming to promote culture and art. In the selected cities, various cultural events, as well as cultural exchange events are held. The project aims not only to promote mutual understanding and a sense of solidarity within East Asia but also to enhance the global competitiveness of East Asian cultures. In 2021, Dunhuang and Shaoxing of China, Kitakyushu of Japan, and Suncheon of the ROK, were designated CCEAs. Kitakyushu and Suncheon, which were previously selected as CCEAs in 2020, continued to carry out the CCEA project in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **OVERVIEW**



Participants 💌 🔟 CCEA 2021 (Dunhuang and Shaoxing of China, Kitakyushu of Japan and Suncheon of the ROK)



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# 13<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum

The TCS attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum held online on November 5, 2020, as an observer. Hosted by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, the representative of TCS delivered congratulatory remarks. The 13<sup>th</sup> forum consisted of a trilateral intergovernmental meeting, online panel discussion and online seminar. The discussions at the forum centered on the impact of COVID-19. The three countries adopted a joint statement reaffirming their continuation of cooperation in the cultural content industry field.

The Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum has been held annually since 2002. Government officials, as well as representatives from relevant firms, have participated to share and discuss the cultural content industry of the three countries to expand a common market

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 5, 2020

Venue Online

Participants • Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan

Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China

Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK; industry representatives; other relevant government agencies

Outcome Joint Statement of the 13<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum

# \* Health



With the development of transportation infrastructure, increased cross-border interactions and changing social environment, there is a growing need for regional cooperation in the areas of health and welfare. There are various areas of possible cooperation among the three countries, including joint responses to cross-border challenges against healthy lives, exchanging knowledge and best practices, developing region-wide schemes for effectively preventing and combating diseases and promoting healthy lifestyles in the Northeast Asian region. The unexpected COVID-19 pandemic made such cooperation more significant and indispensable.

In response to the need for Trilateral Cooperation in the field of health and welfare, the three governments established the Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (THMM) as well as various cooperative measures to tackle common health threats, highlighted by the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) and Joint Action Plan (JAP) on Preparedness and Response against Pandemic Influenza and Emerging/Re-emerging Infectious Diseases of Common Concern. Since the first participation to the THMM in 2013, the TCS has been exploring ways to assist the three relevant ministries for the contribution to the development of Trilateral Cooperation.

# 13<sup>th</sup> Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting

The 13<sup>th</sup> Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (THMM) was held online on December 11, 2020. Delegations from the National Health Commission of China, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, Ministry of Health and Welfare of the ROK, World Health Organization West Pacific Regional Office and the TCS participated in the meeting. TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi delivered remarks in the opening ceremony. The three Ministers shared experiences for responding to COVID-19, discussed the key role of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in combatting COVID-19, the cooperation in COVID-19 diagnosis, treatment and vaccination, combating cancer and healthy aging. The "Joint Statement of the Thirteenth Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (Video Conference)" was adopted at the meeting.

The THMM was inaugurated in 2007 to discuss common issues and find means to manage such challenges in the field of health and medical science among the three countries. Under the framework of the THMM, the three countries have developed various initiatives such as the Trilateral Forum on Communicable Disease Control and Prevention and the Trilateral Seminar on Population Policy.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 11, 2020

Venue China (Online)

Participants National Health Commission of China (NHC)

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW)

Ministry of Health and Welfare of the ROK(MOHW)

Outcomes Joint Statement of the Thirteenth Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (Video Conference)



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14<sup>th</sup> Korea-China-Japan Forum on Communicable **Disease Control** and Prevention

The 14<sup>th</sup> Korea-China-Japan Forum on Communicable Disease Control and Prevention was held online on October 29-30, 2020. Participants from the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency, the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institute of Infectious Diseases of Japan attended the two-day event, consisting of a symposium and bilateral talks between the participants. In light of the ongoing pandemic, the forum centered around the COVID-19 response on the first day, and the current status and diagnostic testing strategy for influenza and COVID-19 on the second day. Representatives from each country's infectious disease control institutions delivered presentations, followed by active Q&A discussions. The TCS delegation participated as an observer.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date October 29-30, 2020

Venue Online (ROK)

Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

• National Institute of Infectious Diseases of Japan





# **Exploring and Facilitating Cooperative Projects**

"Explore and identify potential cooperative projects among the Parties, and report those projects to the relevant consultative mechanisms for adoption"

Article 3.1 of the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS

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# **Political Affairs**

# TCS Session at Jeju Forum 2020

The TCS organized a session titled "China-Japan-Korea Cooperation for Human Security in and after the Era of the COVID-19 Pandemic" during the Jeju Forum 2020 on November 6, 2020. TCS DSG CAO Jing presented at the session to deliver a keynote speech. Under the Charhar Institute Deputy Secretary-General ZHANG Zhongyi's moderation, Prof. KIM Sang-kyou of ROK Hanyang University, Dr. IJUIN Atsushi of the Japan Centre for Economic Research, and Prof. ZHOU Fangyin of China Guangdong University of Foreign Studies were invited to appraise the three countries' ongoing cooperation efforts against COVID-19 from the human security approach. The speakers underscored prompt policy coordination at the top level, provision of emergency medical goods and proactive information-sharing as what stood out in Trilateral Cooperation on pandemic control.

The Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity is a regional multilateral dialogue platform hosted by the Government of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK as the key sponsor. Being held every year, the Forum promotes active discussions and sharing of future visions on sustainable peace and prosperity in Asia. The TCS has taken part in the Jeju Forum since 2014.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 6, 2020 Venue Jeju, the ROK

Participants Over 100 participants including speakers and on-site/online audience

Main Activity Academic exchange in the format of presentations and discussions.



## 5<sup>th</sup> NTCT National Focal Points Meeting & 2020 NTCT Conference

The 5<sup>th</sup> Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-Tanks (NTCT) National Focal Points Meeting was held virtually on December 8, 2020. The Meeting was convened by Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA) with attendees from the other two NTCT National Focal Points — China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) and Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR) — and the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS). TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi was invited to address the event and was involved in the discussions at the Meeting. The representatives reviewed the progress of the NTCT since its establishment in 2015 and had an in-depth discussion on the future development of the NTCT Memorandum and NTCT Working Group.

The 2020 NTCT Conference was held back-to-back in the afternoon. Scholars from the three countries exchanged views on the theme of Trilateral Cooperation in the Post COVID-19 Era. They reviewed the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to the three countries and the Trilateral Cooperation.

The NTCT, agreed upon during the  $7^{\text{th}}$  Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting in March 2015, was officially inaugurated on August 31, 2015. The function of the NTCT is to provide intellectual support to the three Governments and promote the general public's understanding of the Trilateral Cooperation.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 8, 2020

Venue Seoul & Online (Hosted by Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA))

Participants 22 participants including representatives from three National Focal Points, invited

scholars and TCS representatives.

Main Activity Administrative discussions on the NTCT development, and academic exchanges on

Trilateral Cooperation in the Post COVID-19 Era



# The 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Northeast Asia Cooperation

On December 17, 2020, the 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Northeast Asia Cooperation was held online. Sponsored by the TCS and hosted by the Centre for Contemporary Korean Studies at the Keio University of Japan, the symposium gathered 21 scholars and international relations experts from the three countries to deepen the understanding of sociopolitical circumstances in the Northeast Asian region and Trilateral Cooperation from the contexts of the Korean Peninsula peace process and US policy in East Asia. The symposium was conducted in three sessions, each themed "America's Policy in East Asia under a New Administration and CJK's Responses," "Actualities, Challenges and Prospects of the Korean Peninsula Peace Process," and "CJK Cooperation and the Regional Order in Northeast Asia." TCS SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi delivered congratulatory remarks and made a presentation in Session 3.

The International Symposium on Northeast Asia Cooperation has been alternately organized by Keio University from Japan, Dongseo University from Korea and the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences from China since 2008. The TCS has taken part as a co-organizer/sponsor since 2018.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 17, 2020

Venue Online (Hosted by Keio University, Japan)

Participants 21 participants including scholars and international affairs experts from the three

countries and TCS representatives

Main Activity Academic exchange regarding international and regional changes



# Asian Regional Cooperation Forum

On December 18, 2020, the Asian Regional Cooperation Forum was held online by China Institute for International Studies. TCS Deputy Secretary-General CAO Jing was invited to make a presentation on the future trends of Asian regional cooperation organizations. DSG CAO briefed the forum on the joint efforts of China, Japan and the ROK in combating the COVID-19 as well as TCS' tremendous endeavors to deepen the Trilateral Cooperation by overcoming the difficulties sparked by the pandemic. She called for a closer collaboration among regional organizations to bring about more tangible outcomes and make greater contributions to people's welfare in this region.

Senior officials from regional cooperation organizations and eminent scholars from various Asian countries had an in-depth discussion under the theme "Pandemic, Challenge and Prospect: Asian Regional Cooperation in 2020 and Beyond". A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China also addressed the forum.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 18, 2020

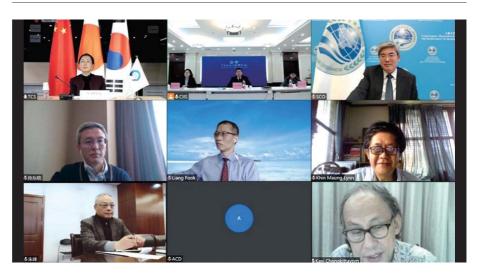
Venue Online (Hosted by China Institute for International Studies)

Participants Around 15 participants including representatives from regional cooperation

organizations and scholars from universities and think tanks

Main Activity Policy and academic discussions on pandemic, challenge and prospect in regards to

Asian regional cooperation



TCS 10<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary
Symposium
Series Vol 4:
China-JapanROK Trilateral
Cooperation:
Towards Shared
Peace and
Prosperity

The TCS organized a session titled "China-Japan-Korea Trilateral Cooperation: Towards Shared Peace and Prosperity" during the Jeju Forum 2021 on June 24, 2021. As part of the TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Series, this session aimed to promote public awareness in China-Japan-Korea Trilateral Cooperation. Along with Assistant Prof. ZHANG Muhui of Pusan National University as Moderator, Prof. CHOE Wongi of Korea National Diplomatic Academy from Korea, Prof. WEI Ling of the University of International Business and Economics from China and Mr. SAKAGUCHI Hirohiko, Seoul Bureau Chief of the Mainichi Shimbun from Japan, were invited to analyze the paths towards a more beneficial, productive cooperation and the TCS's role in it. TCS SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi also presented at the session to deliver a keynote speech. The speakers suggested promoting people-to-people exchanges as the foundation for Trilateral Cooperation, which would not only increase the agency of the TCS across different issue areas but also engender a collective sense of connectedness, thereby strengthening the sustainability of the cooperation.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date June 24, 2021 Venue Jeju, Korea

Participants Over 100 participants including CJK speakers and on-site/online audience

Main Activity Academic exchange in the format of presentations and discussion



Round-Table on Asian Regional Cooperation Organization at Boao Forum for Asia 2021 Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) is a non-governmental and nonprofit international organization formally inaugurated in February 2001. Since 2002, BFA has been holding its annual conference in Boao located in Hainan Province of China, which has developed as a high-end platform for dialogues on the economy, society, and environment and other relevant issues among leaders of governments, business and academic circles of Asian countries and other regions. On April 20, 2021, TCS Deputy Secretary-General CAO Jing participated in the Round-Table on Asian Regional Cooperation Organization during the BFA Annual Conference 2021 and made remarks via video conferencing.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date April 20, 2021

Venue Hainan & Online (Hosted by China Institute for International Studies)

Participants Around 15 participants including representatives from regional cooperation

organizations and scholars from universities and think tanks

Main Activity Policy and academic discussions on Opportunities, Challenges and Paths of Asian

Regional Cooperation under New Circumstances



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# **Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development**

## 6<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Industries Expo

The 6<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Industries Expo was held in Weifang, China on September 25-27, 2020. TCS SG MICHIGAMI delivered opening remarks via video on September 25.

In his remarks, SG MICHIGAMI sent his congratulations on the opening of the 6<sup>th</sup> Expo and acknowledged its importance in carrying on the momentum of trilateral economic cooperation and business exchanges during the pandemic. He stated TCS' ongoing support for the Expo. SG MICHIGAMI introduced Trilateral Cooperation progress despite the challenges amid the pandemic. To cope with the new norm, TCS conducted several webinars to share the best practices and know-how of the three countries to the wider public.

The China-Japan-Korea Industrial Expo has been held since 2015 with a goal of strengthening economic and industrial cooperation among the three countries. TCS has been supporting and participating in the Expo since the inception of Expo.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date September 25-27, 2020

Venue Weifang, China and online

Organizers China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), People's Government

of Shandong Province, Association for the Promotion of International Trade, Japan (JAPIT), Korea International Trade Association (KITA)

Supporter: TCS

Supporter TCS

Participants Representatives from central and local governments, relevant business sectors and

organizations of the three countries

Activities China-Japan-Korea Industrial Cooperation and Development Forum; trilateral industrial

and cooperation events on SMEs, talent development, smart manufacturing, health

and senior care, etc.



### Trilateral Local Economic Exchange Forum 2020

Trilateral Local Economic Exchange Forum 2020 was held in Seoul, ROK on October 12, 2020. The Forum was organized by the Korea-Japan Economic Association with the theme of Trilateral Cooperation in Tourism Industries After and With Corona. Trilateral local governments and relevant businessmen residing in Korea attended the Forum. TCS SG MICHIGAMI was invited to deliver opening remarks.

SG MICHIGAMI stressed in his opening remarks that the three countries are making steady efforts to hold high-level meetings in various areas to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and revive the economy. He also introduced the relevant activities by the TCS including the online seminar on the countermeasures for COVID-19 pandemic and cooperative projects among local governments. Representatives from the local governments and relevant agencies presented the specific cases and programs carried out for the revitalization of the tourism industry. Based on this, the participants exchanged views on how to further promote Trilateral Cooperation on tourism and people-to-people exchanges in the post-COVID-19 era.

The organizer of this Forum, the Korea-Japan Economic Association, is a Korean side organizer of the Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technology Exchange Conference, an annual exchange platform among the relevant ministries, local governments, and economic organizations of the three countries. Since the 2020 Conference was postponed due to COVID-19, the Association organized this special Forum to maintain the momentum for cooperation.

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Date October 12, 2020

Venue Seoul, ROK

Organizers Korea-Japan Economic Association; Korea-Japan Cooperation Foundation for Industry

and Technology

Participants Representatives from local governments, relevant business sectors and organizations

of the three countries

Activities Trilateral Local Economic Exchange Forum 2020 (main event)





## Dialogue with Taicang-Trilateral Industrial Cooperation and Exchange Events

The TCS delegations attended the Dialogue with Taicang-Trilateral Industrial Cooperation and Exchange events which were held in China in October 2020 and June 2021, respectively. The events were hosted by China, Japan and Korea Enterprise Exchange Center of CCOIC, Jiangsu Sub-Council of CCPIT and Taicang Municipal People's Government.

At the 2020 event, TCS DSG KANG Do-ho acknowledged the importance of the event in carrying the momentum of trilateral industrial cooperation and exchanges in the post-pandemic era. At the 2021 event, DSG CAO commended Taicang for its industrial development and comparative advantages in cooperation among the three countries. The events aim to deepen the understanding among trilateral businesses and utilize cooperation with trilateral enterprises.

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### Dialogue with Taicang-Trilateral Industrial Cooperation and Exchange Conference

Date October 21, 2020 Venue Beijing, China

Theme Innovation and Development, Cooperation for win-win

#### Dialogue with Taicang-Trilateral Industrial Cooperation and Exchange Forum

Date June 29, 2021 Venue Taicang, China

Theme Collaborative Innovation, Winning Together in Transformation



Policy Dialogue on Inclusive Sub-regional Cooperation in East and North-East Asia for Sustainable Development The Policy Dialogue on Inclusive Sub-regional Cooperation in East and North-East Asia for Sustainable Development was organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The Dialogue aimed to discuss key agendas of subregional cooperation such as connectivity, environmental sustainability and innovation to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the region. TCS SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi was invited to participate as a panelist.

SG MICHIGAMI underlined that the COVID-19 pandemic and the widening inequalities pose serious threats to human security and called for enhanced foundations for an inclusive approach to sustainable development. He introduced three key areas of Trilateral Cooperation (environment, disaster management and health) and highlighted the potential of cooperation in these areas within and beyond the region.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date October 22, 2020

Venue Online

Organizers United Nations ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the

ROK, Incheon Metropolitan City

Theme Inclusive subregional cooperation in East and North-east Asia for sustainable

connectivity, environmental sustainability, innovation for inclusive and resilient societies



### China-Japan-Korea Business Conference

The China-Japan-Korea Business Conference is an annual event held in Shaoxing, China since 2018 and TCS has been supporting the Conference since its inception. The Conference aims at promoting communication and industrial cooperation among the business of the three countries.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Conferences were held in November 2020 and May 2021, respectively. TCS DSG KANG Do-ho delivered remarks via video at both Conferences. Given that many economies were still recovering from the pandemic, DSG KANG expressed the necessity of hosting such a Conference to inject confidence in economic recovery and to keep the momentum of trilateral economic cooperation. DSG KANG expected trilateral business to strengthen cooperation in the post-COVID-19 era, and the areas of digitalization, environment, and healthcare. 2021 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TCS, and TCS commits to continuously supporting Trilateral Cooperation at all levels.

At the  $4^{th}$  Conference, to congratulate Shaoxing for being selected as one of the 2021 Cultural Cities of East Asia and to recognize Shaoxing's contributions in promoting people-to-people exchanges and business cooperation, TCS sent a congratulations letter to the Shaoxing Municipal Government.

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> China-Japan-Korea Business Conference

Date November 4, 2020

Venue Shaoxing, China and Online

Organizers CCOIC, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China, Korea Chamber of

Commerce in China, Shaoxing Municipal People's Government, and CCPIT Zhejiang

**Provincial Committee** 

Participants Representatives from central and local governments, relevant business sectors and

organizations of the three countries

Theme Cooperation and Innovation, Reform and Win-Win

#### 4<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Business Conference

Date May 25, 2021

Venue Shaoxing, China and Online

Organizers CCOIC, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China, Korea Chamber of

Commerce in China, Shaoxing Municipal People's Government, and CCPIT Zhejiang

Provincial Committee

Participants Representatives from central and local governments, relevant business sectors and

organizations of the three countries

Theme New Challenge, New Reform, and New Opportunities

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### Global Youth Climate Challenges

TCS participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Youth Climate Challenges (GYCC) titled "Hot Earth Needs Cool Youth" on November 8, 2020. GYCC is an event to promote and raise awareness of climate change issues and hear the voices of the youth community about innovative solutions. TCS supported the event by recommending Chinese and Japanese international students residing in Korea.

The 1<sup>st</sup> GYCC event was hosted by the National Council on Climate and Air Quality (NCCA) of the ROK and was attended by youth leaders around the world, including China, Japan, and ROK. TCS SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi delivered congratulatory remarks at the opening ceremony and highlighted that the COVID-19 had posed a severe threat to human security, including climate change. He also encouraged the development of network building in environment protection among the youth.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 8, 2020

Venue Songdo, ROK and Online

Participants National Council on Climate and Air Quality (Host), 120 International Students

Theme Hot Earth Needs Cool Youth



2020
International
Forum on
Regional
Cooperation of
China, Japan, and
South Korea

The International Forum on Regional Cooperation of China, Japan and South Korea was held in a virtual format on November 14, 2020, hosted by Beijing Foreign Studies University of China. TCS DSG KANG Do-ho delivered congratulatory remarks in the opening session via video.

DSG KANG emphasized the significance of Trilateral Cooperation in contributing to the economic development in East Asia and introduced efforts made by the three countries in response to COVID-19. Amid the unprecedented global epidemic crisis, he called for networked multilateralism, in which international organizations and regional organizations work together more closely, and upholding inclusive multilateralism to involve various sectors including government, business, and academia in the joint response.

Under the theme of "The Restructuring and Upgrading of Economic Cooperation among China, Japan, and South Korea: Co-creation of a New Era", the Forum brought together more than 30 scholars and researchers to share their insights into and present academic outcomes on promoting economic cooperation in Northeast Asia.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 14, 2020

Venue Online

Organizer Beijing Foreign Studies University of China

Participants Representatives from governments, academia, business sectors

Activities Opening ceremony, Keynote speech, session, academic outcome presentation, etc.



# 7<sup>th</sup> CJK Cooperation Dialogue

The 7<sup>th</sup> CJK Cooperation Dialogue was held on November 25, 2020, at the TCS and virtually on Zoom. The Dialogue was co-hosted by the East Asia Foundation of Korea, China Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD), and Japan Economic Foundation (JEF). The TCS sponsored the Dialogue and SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi delivered welcoming remarks at the opening session.

This year was held under the title of "CJK Co-Navigation and Emerging Opportunities amid COVID-19 Pandemic." Experts from three countries discussed the prospects for cooperation during and after the pandemic by using the lens of economy, commerce, environment, and industry. Highlighting that 2021 marks the  $10^{\rm th}$  anniversary of the establishment of the TCS, SG MICHIGAMI Hisashi stressed that the TCS has been playing a pivotal role in supporting ministerial conferences and non-governmental cooperation in various fields in the past decade, and has promoted cooperative projects dealing with the pandemic response.

Since 2014, the Dialogue has been held in the three countries annually on a rotational basis.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 25, 2020 Venue TCS and Online

Organizer East Asia Foundation; China Institute for Reform and Development; China Public

Diplomacy Association; Japan Economic Foundation

Sponsor TCS

Participants Experts from the relevant organizations





### 2020 Japan-ROK (Qingdao) Imports Expo

2020 Japan and Korea (Qingdao) Imports Expo was held on December 10-12, 2020 in Qingdao, China. TCS DSG KANG Do-ho delivered remarks at the opening ceremony on December 10 via video.

DSG KANG expressed his appreciation to the Qingdao Municipal People's Government for organizing the Imports Expo to encourage trilateral economic and trade cooperation during the challenging time. The three countries participated and signed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) which will provide a more convenient and sound business environment. In this context, he believed that business would play a more important role in stimulating economic growth. DSG KANG stated that TCS will stand with all stakeholders to continuously enhance Trilateral Cooperation in various areas.

The Japan and Korea (Qingdao) Imports Expo has been held annually since 2018 to promote business and commodity exchanges among China, Japan, and the ROK. At this year's Expo, the CCPIT China-Japan-Korea Business Council Qingdao Liaison Office was established for active business communications among trilateral local governments and business associations.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 10-12,2020

Venue Qingdao, China

Organizer Qingdao Municipal People's Government

Participants Representatives from central and local governments, relevant business sectors and

organizations of the three countries

Activities Unveiling ceremony of CCPIT China-Japan-Korea Business Council Qingdao Liaison

Office, the trading event of cross-border e-commerce commodities among trilateral

SMEs



# 50<sup>th</sup> East Asia Business Council (EABC)

The TCS participated in the  $50^{th}$  EABC Working Group Meetings online on January 21-22, 2021, to explore areas of mutual interest to enhance TCS' involvement in APT cooperation. At the  $50^{th}$  meeting, the Director of Economic Affairs Mr. NAGAFUCHI Kenji highlighted that TCS would explore more opportunities to exchange ideas with ASEAN institutions including EABC through diverse forms in the future.

The EABC was inaugurated in 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, endorsed by ASEAN+3 Leaders in October 2003. Its objective is to strengthen cooperation among ASEAN+3 private sectors, as well as promote intra-regional trade and investment. Based on the Manila Declaration on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN+3 Cooperation and ASEAN+3 Cooperation Work Plan 2018-2022 of the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+3 Summit, the TCS will work to promote trade and investment through collaboration with the EABC with a view on promoting deeper regional integration and further enhance the work and initiatives of ASEAN+3 cooperation.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date January 21-22, 2021

Venue Online

Organizer East Asia Business Council (EABC)

Participants TCS, ASEAN+3 business associations, ASEAN-China/Japan/Korea

Centers, private sectors in ASEAN+3 countries

Agenda · ASEAN+3 business cooperation on RCEP

· E-commerce

· Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and investment Database



TCS 10<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary
Symposium Series
Vol.2 - Urban
Regeneration in
China, Japan, and
the ROK: Trends
and Cases

TCS organized an online symposium on the theme of urban regeneration on March 23, 2021, as part of the TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Series. Urban regeneration is a common topic of interest for the three countries where urbanization is a continuing trend while some cities are in a pressing need to rebuild their economic competitiveness. While priorities and methods differ from city to city, it is meaningful to have an opportunity to mutually learn various approaches to urban regeneration.

At the symposium, experts from the three countries shared policy trends of urban regeneration and representatives from local cities illustrated diverse context-based approaches to tackle challenges they faced, such as the outflow of the younger generation to economic centers, population aging, changes in industrial structure and deterioration of social infrastructure. The discussion also highlighted common strategies among the three countries, such as community engagement, conservation of unique history and culture, and integration of natural landscape.

Urban regeneration encompasses key topics of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is expected that the three countries will accelerate efforts to make cities more sustainable and resilient in the post-pandemic era. TCS will continue to explore agendas for future cooperation opportunities in consultation with the partners.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date March 23, 2021

Venue Online

Organizer TCS

Supporters China Academy of Urban Planning and Design, Cabinet Office, Korea Research Institute

for Human Settlements

Participants More than 150 audiences from central and local governments, academia and business

sectors



TCS 10<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary
Symposium Series
Vol. 3: Trilateral
Entrepreneurs
Forum (TEF)2021

On June 10, 2021, the TCS hosted the Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum (TEF)2021 in an online format, supported by the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), Keidanren, and Federation of Korean Industries (FKI).

Under the theme of "Business Innovation for Active Ageing Societies: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities", the forum brought together prominent experts and entrepreneurs from China, Japan, and the ROK to discuss the role and potential of business in response to aging societies, as well as to share innovative business models and solutions in the three countries.

Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum (TEF)2021 is TCS' annual event that provides a platform to connect, communicate and share innovative ideas in business sectors, as well as to promote cross-border business cooperation among the three countries. This year's forum, as part of the TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Series, attracted more than 300 online participants from various stakeholders, including governments, academia, business sectors, and media.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date June 10, 2021

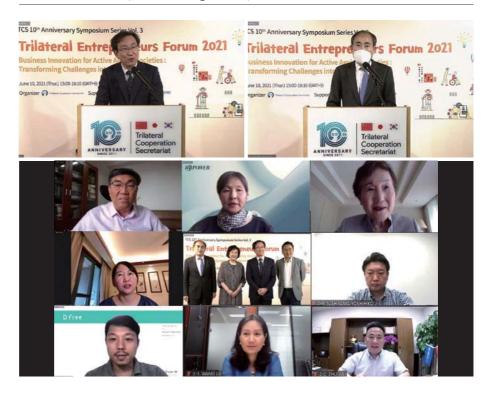
Venue Online

Organizer TCS

Supporters CCOIC, Keidanren, Federation of Korean Industries (FKI)

Participants More than 300 audiences from central and local governments, academia, business

sectors, international organizations, and media



TCS 10<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary
Symposium Series
Vol. 5:Trilateral
Agricultural
Development
and Rural
Revitalization
beyond COVID-19

On July 21, 2021, TCS held the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Series Vol. 5 on "Trilateral Agricultural Development and Rural Revitalization beyond COVID-19". Eminent subject matter experts from China, Japan and the ROK shared recent agricultural and rural policies and outstanding practices at the symposium.

At the symposium, experts introduced each country's policies to develop agriculture and vitalize rural areas, especially during and after the COVID-19 period. Speakers also introduced unique rural revitalization cases, including promoting harmonious development and resource flow between urban and rural areas; attracting human resources back to rural areas, and managing and cultivating rural talents via innovation methods; attracting the younger generation and expanding the modern digital lifestyle in rural areas.

Agricultural and rural development are important agendas for China, Japan and the ROK. The Trilateral Agricultural Minister's Meeting (TAMM) has identified rural revitalization as one of the key cooperative areas among the three countries. China, Japan, and the ROK preserve similar agricultural characteristics yet different development paces. Sharing know-how will allow each country to learn best practices. Furthermore, COVID-19 has imposed difficulties to global agricultural and rural development, which has underlined the importance of exchanges and communications among the three countries. The symposium provided a valuable platform for in-time information and knowledge sharing.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date July 21, 2021

Venue Online Organizer TCS

Participants More than 230 audiences from central and local governments, academia and business

sectors



High-level Forum for RCEP Economic and Trade Cooperation A high-level Forum for RCEP Economic and Trade Cooperation was held in Qingdao, China, which was co-hosted by CCOIC and Qingdao Municipal People's Government. The High-level Forum aims to help enterprises actively participate in international cooperation and competition and share the development dividends brought about by the RCEP. TCS DSG KANG Do-ho was invited to participate as a panelist.

DSG KANG indicated that Asian countries are showing high-growth potential as important economic cooperation partners of the three countries, he hopes that crisis-resistant and reciprocal cooperation will serve as a robust stepping stone to cope with new challenges and find present opportunities in the COVID-19 era.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date April 25, 2021 Venue Qingdao, China

Organizer CCOIC and Qingdao Municipal People's Government

Participants 300 leaders from government agencies, chambers of commerce, industry institutions,

business associations among RCEP countries as well as international organizations

Theme Promoting Recovery by Sharing Opportunities and Seeking Common Development





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### China (Jining) and Japan, ROK Investment Cooperation Seminar

On June 10, 2021, China (Jining) and Japan, ROK Investment Cooperation Seminar was held in Qingdao, China. The seminar was held to promote active business exchanges and economic cooperation among the three countries. TCS DSG KANG Do-ho delivered video remarks for the Conference.

DSG KANG stated that it is important for local cities to pick up economic cooperation momentum in the aftermath of COVID-19. In this regard, he was appreciative of Jining's efforts in organizing the seminar so that trilateral business representatives could gather and explore investment and business opportunities. He also emphasized that going forward, corporates should put more attention to social responsibilities and play a more important role in sustainable development. DSG KANG underlined that this year marks TCS' 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and TCS commits to keep supporting trilateral governmental and non-governmental cooperation in all areas. Shandong Province has been active in promoting trilateral economic cooperation, and he looked forward to furthering contributions from Shandong Province.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date June 10, 2021 Venue Qingdao, China

Organizer Jining City Committee of the Communist Party of China, Jining Municipal People's

Government

Participants Representatives from central and local governments, relevant business sectors and

organizations of the three countries



# 2021 RCEP Members International Trade Digital Expo

The RCEP Members International Trade Digital Expo was held online from July 28 to August 6, 2021. The Expo was hosted by CCPIT, organized by CCOIC. The Expo provided an opportunity to further promote friendly exchanges, and economic and trade cooperation between member countries of RCEP, speed up the implementation of the free trade zone strategy and enhance the economic and trade exchanges between RCEP and trilateral markets. TCS DSG KANG Do-ho was invited to remark in the opening ceremony.

In his remarks, DSG KANG stressed that joint efforts and close cooperation could turn crisis into opportunity, as evidenced by the footprint of Trilateral Cooperation, which was launched during the Asian Financial Crisis. The event created a chance to reduce the adverse impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date July 28-August 6, 2021

Venue Online Expo: Online digital exhibition hall

Offline opening ceremony and forum: CCPIT auditorium(Beijing, China)

Host CCPIT
Organizer CCOIC

Participants 20,000 professional buyers from RCEP member states

Activities RCEP Cooperation Forum, Online Business Match-making Meeting



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# **Social and Cultural Affairs**

2021 Special
Exhibition by
Artists with
Developmental
Disabilities

The TCS co-hosted the 2021 Special Exhibition by Artists with Developmental Disabilities with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK at COEX on July 8-10, 2021. Under the theme of "Trilateral Communication Blooms through Art", the special exhibition displayed 48 works (16 pieces per country) that showcase the beauty of each country by artists with developmental disabilities from the three countries. The TCS' involvement in this event served as a meaningful opportunity for empowering human rights/diversity by holding an event in which the underprivileged members of the society become the main actors, especially in a situation where social inequality is amplifying due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date July 8-10, 2021 Venue Seoul, ROK

Co-organizers Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK, TCS

Theme "Trilateral Communication Blooms through Art"

Participants 13 CJK artists with developmental disabilities





# 14<sup>th</sup> Asia International Youth Film Festival (AIYFF)

The TCS co-hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Asia International Youth Film Festival with AIYFF Japan, the organizing committee in Japan. It was held from May 3 to June 20, 2021, in an online format. Following a competitive selection process from several hundred applicants across the three countries, 21 directors and their films were selected as finalists. Over a month, the 21 directors engaged in multiple online exchange meetings, discussing their films and creative philosophies. They also attended a lecture hosted by the TCS, in which Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi gave words of encouragement.

The Asia International Youth Film Festival is an annual event to display films created by CJK youth and encourage young creators from the three countries to learn from each other through film screenings, forums, and other exchange events. Originally started in 2004 as the "Korea International Youth Film Festival", the film festival adopted its current name and format in 2007 following an agreement to rotationally host the film festival among China, Japan and the ROK. The TCS has been a co-host of the AlYFF since 2018, supporting the coordination of convening the young directors, as well as hosting forums and workshops for their professional development.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date May 3-June 20, 2021

Venue Online (Japan)

Participants 21 directors, 300+ general participants

Main Activity Film screening, exchange meetings, panel discussions, award ceremony



TCS 10<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary
Symposium
Series Vol. 1: A
Conversation
with TCS
Secretary-General
MICHIGAMI
Hisashi: Trilateral
Cooperation and
Youth Exchange

The TCS' 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Series began on March 17, 2021, with "A Conversation with TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi: Trilateral Cooperation and Youth Exchange" The event was held on March 17, 2021. During the event, TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi discussed TCS' history in the past decade, his experiences of working as a Japanese diplomat both in China and the ROK, how Japan can learn from those two countries, and the future of Trilateral Cooperation. He was joined by Dr. CHANG Jekuk, president of Dongseo University, who discussed the current situation of university exchange during the pandemic, as well as his views on how the ROK can learn from Japan and China. The event also featured student speakers from Peking University, Ritsumeikan University, and Dongseo University, who shared their opinions on the difficulties of student life during the pandemic, how China can learn from Japan and the ROK, and suggestions for how the three countries should cooperate. Nearly 250 people, many of whom were young students, attended the event.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date March 17, 2021 Venue Online (ROK)

Participants 2 speakers, 3 student guests, around 250 general participants



1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral International Cooperation Forum on Vocational Education The 1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral International Cooperation Forum on Vocational Education (integration between industry and education) was held on December 22, 2020, in Jilin Province, China. This forum was hosted by the Jilin Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center and the National Association of Vocational Education of China. The TCS and China Public Diplomacy Association participated in the forum as supporters. In the welcoming remarks, TCS Deputy Secretary-General CAO Jing emphasized the importance of strengthening Trilateral Cooperation in the field of vocational education during the pandemic, as it would foster economic growth, revival, and transformation, and provide an opportunity for future jobs. She said she hopes the three sides can promote policy coordination and cooperation and cultivate talents for the

devolvement of the East Asian economy. The opening ceremony was followed by discussions between experts from the three countries on two sub-forums: Tourism and Senior Welfare.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date December 22, 2020

Venue Online (Jilin Province, China)

Organizer Jilin Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center

National Association of Vocational Education of China



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### Korea-China-Japan Media Forum 2020

TCS Deputy Secretary-General CAO Jing participated in the Korea-China-Japan Media Forum 2020 held online and offline on November 24, 2020. The forum hosted by Gangwon Province of the ROK and Gangwon Domin Ilbo was designed to bring together relevant stakeholders from the Olympic Organizing Committees of China, Japan and the ROK and major local media to explore ways to cooperate in building an Olympic legacy and enhancing media cooperation.

In her video remarks, DSG CAO congratulated the successful hosting of the Korea-China-Japan Media Forum 2020 and thanked the organizers for convening this important event to promote communication and friendship among the three countries. She stressed that although the COVID-19 pandemic made exchanges difficult, friendly cooperation among the three countries has continued to deepen in the process of jointly responding to the common challenge. The forum was significant because it brought journalists and Olympic stakeholders from the three countries together to discuss strengthening cooperation in the Olympics and expanding economic and tourism cooperation. DSG CAO also said that the TCS recognizes media exchanges as an important area of Trilateral Cooperation and has regularly held journalist exchange programs. As the year 2021 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment, the TCS would continue to make efforts to promote media exchanges and build a bridge for dialogue and communication among the people of the three countries.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date November 24, 2020

Venue Online (ROK)

Organizer Gangwon Province of the ROK and Gangwon Domin Ilbo

Participants The Olympic Organizing Committees of China, Japan and the ROK and major local

media of the three countries





Launching
Ceremony
of East Asian
Cultural Research
Center of Beijing
International
Studies University

On October 24, Deputy Secretary-General CAO Jing attended the launching ceremony of the East Asian Cultural Research Center of Beijing International Studies University (BISU) and delivered a congratulatory remark. In her remark, DSG Cao pointed out that intellectual support of universities of the three countries is indispensable to Trilateral Cooperation and the TCS has been actively pushing forward cooperation in the field of education. She expressed hope that the center would explore Trilateral Cooperation opportunities in the field of culture, education and tourism, add strong momentum to East Asian culture exchanges and strengthen the influence of East Asian culture.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date October 24, 2020

Venue Online (Beijing, China)

Organizer East Asian Cultural Research Center of Beijing International Studies University (BISU)

Participants More than 50 Chinese scholars and researchers focusing on the relations and

cooperation among China, Japan and the ROK





TCS 10<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary
Symposium Series
Vol. 6: Promoting
Trilateral
Cooperation at
the Local Level

The online symposium on "Promoting Trilateral Cooperation at the Local Level" was held on August 5, 2021, as a part of the TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium Series. This symposium is supported by the China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA), the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR), and the Governors Association of Korea (GAOK). More than 400 participants from ministries, local governments, academia, and corporations of the three countries attended the symposium.

This symposium was the 6<sup>th</sup> event of the series, aimed at promoting local exchanges among China, Japan, and the ROK more closely interconnected with the daily lives of the people. The symposium involved an overview of trilateral local government exchange in each country, representative cases of trilateral local exchanges, and measures to promote Trilateral Cooperation at the local level in the post-COVID-19 era as well as the role of the TCS. The TCS will update and expand its role to support related stakeholders based on the results of this symposium and continue to focus on reinforcing local exchanges among the three countries in the future.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date August 5, 2021

Venue Seoul, ROK

Organizer TCS

Supporters China International Friendship Cities Association (CIFCA)

Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

Governors Association of Korea (GAOK)

Theme "Promoting Trilateral Cooperation at the Local Level"

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Agenda 1. Overview of trilateral local government exchange: general status, achievements and challenges

- 2. Representative cases of trilateral local exchanges: Yangzhou City of China, Kitakyushu City of Japan, and Jeju Special Self-Governing Province of the ROK
- 3. Measures to promote Trilateral Cooperation at the local level in the post-COVID-19 era and the role of TCS

Participants 400+ representatives from ministries, local governments, academia, corporations, etc.



# 13<sup>th</sup> NEAR General Assembly

The 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Association of North East Asia Regional Governments (NEAR) was held online and in Pohang, ROK. TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi delivered a congratulatory speech via video. He stated that the TCS recognizes the importance of exchanges at the local government level and has been promoting various exchanges and cooperation among local governments such as support for Culture City of East Asia (CCEA) projects and the research project on CJK local city exchange. He stressed the importance of promoting exchanges and mutual understanding in local communities, which are the foundations of people's livelihoods, regional peace and prosperity.

NEAR is an organization for multilateral international cooperation in Northeast Asia with 78 local government members in six countries, including China, Japan and the ROK. This year marks the  $25^{\rm th}$  anniversary of its foundation.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date August 10, 2021

Venue Online (Pohang, ROK)

Organizer Association of North East Asia Regional Governments (NEAR), North Gyeongsang

Province

Participants 250+ participants from local governments, international organizations and universities



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### China-Japan-**Korea Journalism** Seminar

On June 21, 2021, the TCS organized the China-Japan-Korea Journalism Seminar in an onlineoffline hybrid format at the Foreign Press Center Korea. 9 reporters (6 on-site and 3 online) from the three countries joined the seminar. TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi and Deputy Secretary-General CAO Jing attended the seminar. Under the theme of "New Changes and New Trends in CJK Media," journalists discussed the COVID-19 pandemic's effects on journalism, digital transformation in the media business, and the TCS' role in promoting trilateral media cooperation.

TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI delivered opening remarks. In his remarks, he said that deepening communication and mutual understanding among journalists are meaningful for Trilateral Cooperation. He hoped journalists can find new ways to deal with the challenges and changes through exchanging opinions and learning from each other. Following his remarks, participating journalists shared their experiences and difficulties during the pandemic and discussed the importance of seeking facts.

The TCS initiated the journalist exchange program in 2014 to provide opportunities for mutual exchange and understanding among journalists in the three countries.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date June 21, 2021

Venue Online & Offline (Seoul, ROK)

Organizer TCS

Participants Chinese media: People's Daily, Xinhua News, CCTV, CGTN.

Japanese media: NHK, Kyodo News, Mainichi Shimbun.

Korean media: SBS, Seoul Shinmun Daily, Aju Business Daily.



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# **Cross-departmental Affairs**

International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2021 The TCS organized the IFTC 2021 on April 27, in an online-offline hybrid format, with the offline portion in Seoul, the ROK. The theme was "In light of the TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The New Trilateral Partnership in the Next Decade". The forum brought together around 15 high-profile government officials, prominent scholars and experts to share their insights. The forum attracted more than 500 participants from the governments, academia, media, business sectors and the diplomatic community of China, Japan, and the ROK.

The forum started with opening remarks by Mr. MICHIGAMI Hisashi, Secretary-General of the TCS, followed by congratulatory remarks made by Mr. CHOI Jongmoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the ROK, Mr. AIBOSHI Koichi, Ambassador of Japan to the ROK, and Mr. XING Haiming, Ambassador of China to the ROK. Mr. BAN Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General, delivered the keynote speech.

This year's Forum highlighted the significance and achievements of Trilateral Cooperation and explored practical cooperation mechanisms for the coming decade through the three sessions of "Achievements of TCS and Future Trilateral Cooperation," "Voices from the Business Community – The Path Forward for Revitalized Economic Cooperation amid the Pandemic" and "Empowering the Future Generation – Trilateral Youth Community Building." Renowned moderators and speakers from the three countries shared their experiences and opinions with the participants and worked towards strengthening Trilateral Cooperation.

The IFTC, one of the signature projects of the TCS, provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness, review past achievements, and explore future-oriented policy references of the Trilateral Cooperation to the three countries. The forum is supported by the prominent media of the three countries: Chosun Ilbo, Asahi Shimbun and People's Daily.

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Date April 27, 2021

Venue Online & Seoul, ROK

Organizer TCS

Media Supporters Chosun Ilbo, Asahi Shimbun, People's Daily

Theme In light of the TCS 10-Year Anniversary: The New Trilateral Partnership in the Next

Decade

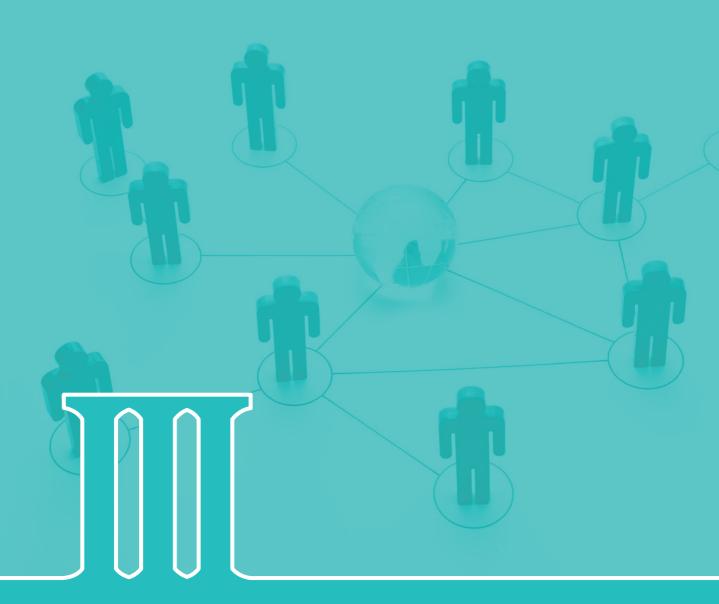
Agenda 1. Achievements of TCS and Future Trilateral Cooperation

2. Voices from the Business Community – The Path Forward for Revitalized Economic Cooperation amid the Pandemic

3. Empowering the Future Generation – Trilateral Youth Community Building

Participants 500+ participants from local governments, international organizations and universities





Communicating and Coordinating with Stakeholders

"Communicate and coordinate with the Parties, and if necessary, with other international organizations, particularly with other East Asian cooperation mechanisms"

Article 3.1(b) of the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS

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# Regional and International Organizations

As mandated by Article 3.1(b) of the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS, managing and expanding its networks with regional and international organizations is one of the key functions of the TCS. Working towards a vision of establishing the East Asia Economic Community (EAEC), the TCS continued its effort to institutionalize the existing network with East Asian regional partners, such as the ASEAN and EABC, by regular courtesy visits and cooperative activities. Also, as part of the efforts to strengthen networks and to promote Trilateral Cooperation in the international arena, the TCS continued the inter-regional dialogues to involve such international organizations from outside East Asia.

# \* Regional Organizations



TCS Secretary-General had an online meeting with ASEAN Secretary-General TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi had an online meeting with ASEAN Secretary-General LIM Jock Hoi on 27 November 2020. The two sides exchanged views on the future cooperation between TCS and ASEAN secretariat (ASEC) to further enhance the ASEAN Plus Three (10+3) cooperation.

TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi congratulated the successful online 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three summit on 14 November, stressing the importance of 10+3 cooperation and frequent communication between TCS and ASEC. SG MICHIGAMI noted that TCS would like to strengthen its communication with ASEC to explore more concrete projects to enhance the mutual understanding and cooperation among 10+3 countries. ASEAN Secretary-General LIM Jock Hoi welcomed TCS' efforts in promoting 10+3 cooperation and echoed that ASEC would like to keep close communication and exchange with TCS to explore and implement cooperative projects on the common interests.



Courtesy Visit to TCS Secretary-General by the Director of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) East and Northeast Asia Office, visited Secretary-General MICHIGAMI on 6 August 2021 to discuss cooperative project ideas. UNESCAP and TCS have multiple work areas in common, such as the environment, transport and logistics, economy, and disaster management. The leaders reaffirmed to further strengthen the partnership and mutual exchanges.

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# **Public/Business Organizations**

Courtesy Visit to Dr. HAN Seungsoo, Former Prime Minister of the ROK TCS SG MICHIGAMI made a courtesy visit to former Prime Minister of ROK Dr. Han Seung-soo on October 23, 2020. SG MICHIGAMI and Dr. Han Seung-soo exchanged opinions on ways to forge Trilateral Cooperation to the next level amidst many common challenges. They both agreed on the importance of promoting peace and prosperity in the region by strengthening Trilateral Cooperation in disaster management, public health, climate change, environment, and digital economy.





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## **Academia**

## The University of Tokyo Virtual Visit to TCS

The TCS welcomed professors and students from the University of Tokyo on August 11, 2021, to introduce the role of the TCS and discuss Trilateral Cooperation. TCS staff shared information on the history of Trilateral Cooperation and the TCS' achievements. A presentation was then made by a graduate student about the COVID-19 effects on trilateral youth exchange. Furthermore, TCS staff and students have a discussion mainly focusing on the challenges of the pandemic and the effective use of online platforms to sustain interaction between the young generations.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date August 11, 2021

Venue Online

Organizer TCS, University of Tokyo

Participants Professor Toshiro Nishizawa from the Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) of The

University of Tokyo, 1 faculty member, 8 graduate students

Themes Effects of Education and Exchange Programs on Trilateral Relations

Experience of CAMPUS Asia Participants amid COVID-19



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## **Media and Public Relations**

TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video In commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the TCS, a 4-minutes video was produced featuring the footprints of the TCS' development and the visions for the next decade. The video was screened at various commemorative events throughout the year and shared with major partners who made valuable contributions to the development of the TCS. It was also used as an important means of public relations during the pandemic, as online exchanges and SNS communication were viable options to maintain close contact with important stakeholders and the general public. The video was introduced on the TCS official website and posted on various SNS channels available in the three countries.

TCS 10th Anniversary Video URL: https://10th.tcs-asia.org/10th/en/sub/02.php



# TCS Interaction with Chinese Media Stationed in Seoul

On April 6, 2021, the TCS convened an interactive session with Chinese media at the TCS International Conference Hall. TCS Secretary-General MICHIGAMI Hisashi and Deputy Secretary-General CAO Jing addressed the event. Joined the event physically are Korea-based representatives from People's Daily, Xinhua News Agency, Economic Daily, China Central Television (CCTV), China Radio International (CRI), China News Service, People's Daily Online, along with those participating online from China Report and China Business News.

SG MICHIGAMI thanked all representatives' efforts and dedication to reporting the TCS and the Trilateral Cooperation at large and welcomed them to continue to cover the TCS' events in the future. DSG CAO, in her presentation, gave a brief introduction to the achievements of the Trilateral Cooperation and the development of the TCS. During the discussion session, the journalists came up with a variety of comments, suggestions and questions encompassing media networking in Seoul and future cooperation. The meeting was concluded with a guided tour to the TCS.



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## TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Exhibition

TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Exhibition was held in Jeongdong 1928 Art Center by the TCS to commemorate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The opening ceremony of the photo exhibition took place on April 19, 2021, and was hosted by the Consultative Board of the TCS. ROK Deputy Foreign Minister KIM Gunn, Ambassador of China XING Haiming, and Ambassador of Japan AIBOSHI Koichi participated in the event to deliver congratulatory remarks and appreciated TCS efforts to promote Trilateral Cooperation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The exhibition was composed of 5 sections: History, Supporting Trilateral Mechanisms, Exploring Cooperative Projects, Promoting Trilateral Cooperation, and Interactive Site, totaling 61 photos and 5 videos. The exhibition showcased the major functions of the organization, highlighting TCS support for trilateral mechanisms and flagship projects such as Trilateral Ministerial Meetings, International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC), and Asia International Youth Film Festival (AIYFF). As the exhibition was a great success, the TCS organized a second photo exhibition at the Embassy of Japan in Korea on June 21-25, 2021.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Date April 19-28, 2021/June 21-25, 2021

Venue Jeongdong 1928 Art Center Gallery/ The Embassy of Japan in Korea

Participants Over 1,300 general public and 15 officials from embassies and journalists from major

media agencies of the three countries

Main Introduction to the TCS and Trilateral Cooperation

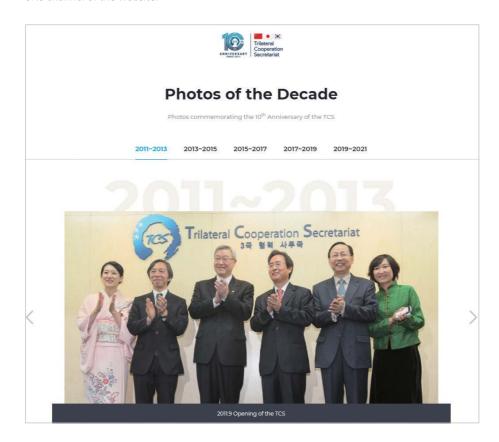


### Creation of TCS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Website

TCS launched a special website dedicated to commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment. By showcasing the growth and past footsteps of the organization, the TCS aims to raise public awareness and to promote understanding of Trilateral Cooperation as well the activities of the TCS.

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary website is accessible through the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo of the main page of the TCS official website. It contains four parts: Secretary-General's message, a promotional video on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TCS, photo gallery, and summarized information on the events organized by the TCS to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The website is available in four languages: English, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.

The special promotional video summarizes the growth and development of the TCS over the past decade. The website also showcases detailed information on the events conducted by the TCS to commemorate its 10 years of establishment, including photo exhibitions and a series of symposiums that served as a platform of dialogue for current issues in various fields. The TCS also carried out a series of online promotional events which is accessible through the linked SNS channel of the website.





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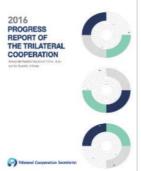


Compiling Databases, Conducting Research and Publications "Evaluate cooperative projects and draft reports on them, compile necessary documents into a database, and submit annual progress reports to the Three-Party Committee or the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting for approval; and conduct research on important issues related to the Trilateral Cooperation, manage the Secretariat's website, and promote understanding of the Trilateral Cooperation"

Article 3.1(d) and (e) of the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS

he Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation is an annual report recording the progress of the Trilateral Cooperation in the year. Under the approval of the relevant ministries of the three countries, the Progress Report records the main events held in the year, including the Trilateral Summit, ministerial meetings, and working-level governmental meetings among the three countries.

The 2016-2019 Progress Report records the achievements of the Trilateral Cooperation among the three countries. The Report covers the cooperation progress in the following areas, Politics and Security, Economy, Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection, and Social and Cultural Exchanges.









Download from: https://tcs-asia.org/en/data/publications.php



### **Trilateral Statistics (Publication and Website)**

In October 2020, TCS released the 2019 Trilateral Statistics in the three languages of Chinese, Japanese and Korean to extend the reach to more relevant readers. This publication includes interactive graphs as well as summary tables and infographics which offer a comprehensive development trend of the three countries individually and the importance of Trilateral Cooperation.



In June 2021, TCS launched the new Trilateral Statistics Webpage on the TCS website to provide a comprehensive understanding of the development trend of the three countries individually as well as to help understand the importance of Trilateral Cooperation by analyzing the integrated statistics of the three countries in comparison with other regional economic blocs. The TCS compiles and processes a wide range of data collected from national and international sources and is available for access and download on the new webpage. This webpage also expects to establish a developed pool of various statistical data to support the trilateral consultative mechanisms.



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### **Trilateral Best Practices**

### : Application of Technology for Reducing Disaster Risks in China, Japan and Korea

his booklet includes 14 best practices on the application of technology for reducing disaster risks from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea in which the experience, impacts and results, lessons and relevant challenges are introduced.

This booklet is published by the TCS, in collaboration with the National Disaster Reduction Centre of China (NDRCC), Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) in Japan, and UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia & Global Education and Training Institute (UNDRR ONEA & GETI) in the ROK to follow up the outcomes of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Ministerial Meetings on Disaster Management.



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The First 10 Years



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The TCS has published the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "Into the Three Countries: A Handbook about China, Japan and Korea" in 2020, following the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> editions in 2013 and 2014. The handbook published in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and English introduces features of the three country's cultures and has supported the promotion of mutual understanding. It aims to introduce the three countries' traditional culture and lifestyle, including clothing, food, and housing, and of similarities of the three countries in various areas as well as their uniqueness.

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Disaster Management	<ul> <li>2021 Trilateral Working-level Consultation Meeting on Disaster Management</li> </ul>	18	<ul><li>Asian Regional Cooperation Forum</li></ul>	3
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Economic Affa	airs and Sustainable Development		■ Boao Forum for Asia 2021	3
IPR	■ 20 <sup>th</sup> TRIPO Heads Meeting	20	Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development	
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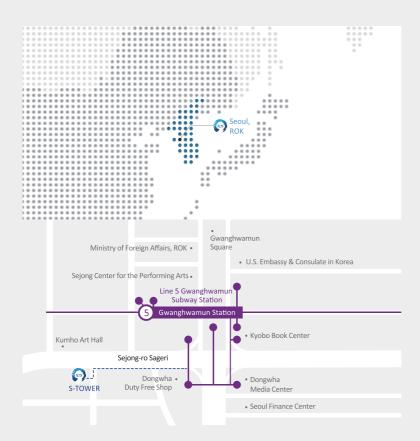
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ADRC	Asian Disaster Reduction Center	GYCC	Global Youth Climate Challenges
AEAS	Academy of East Asian Studies	GSS	General Services Staff
AIYFF	Asia International Youth Film Festival	ICT	Information Communications Technology
APT	ASEAN Plus Three	IFTC	International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	IoT	Internet of Things
BFA	Boao Forum for Asia	IP	Intellectual Property
BISU	Beijing International Studies University	IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
CAO	Cabinet Office of Japan	JAPIT	The Association for the Promotion of International Trade, Japan
CAMPUS Asia	Collective Action for Mobility Program of University Students in Asia	JEF	Japan Economic Foundation
CCEA	Culture City of East Asia	JETRO	Japan External Trade Organization
CODIT	China Council for the Promotion of International	JFIR	Japan Forum on International Relations
CCPIT	Trade	JPO	Japan Patent Office
CCOIC	China Chamber of International Commerce	KCFA	Korea-China Friendship Association
CFAU	China Foreign Affairs University	KINS	Korea Institute for Nuclear Safety
CIFCA	Chian International Friendship Cities Association	KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office
CIRD	China Institute for Reform and Development	KITA	Korea International Trade Association
CJK	China-Japan-ROK	KJEA	Korea-Japan Economic Association
CLAIR	Council of Local Authorities for International Relations	KNDA	Korea National Diplomatic Academy
	Chinese People's Association for Friendship with	KNPA	Korea National Police Agency
CPAFFC	Foreign Countries	MCST	Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK
DG	Director-General	MEE	Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, former MEP
DGM	Directors-General Meeting	MEP	Ministry of Environmental Protection of China
DSG(s)	Deputy Secretary-General(s)	METI	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan
EABC	East Asia Business Council		- <del> </del>
EAEC	East Asia Economic Community	<ul> <li>MEXT Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Scien</li> <li>Technology of Japan</li> </ul>	
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	MHLW	Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare of Japan
FKI	Federation of Korean Industries	МОС	Memorandum of Cooperation; Ministry of Culture
FTA	Free Trade Agreement	MOE	Ministry of Education; Ministry of the Environment
FY	Fiscal Year	MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
GACC	General Administration of Customs of China	MOFCOM	Ministry of Commerce of China
GAOK	Governors Association of Korea	MOHW	Ministry of Health and Welfare
GrasPP	Graduate School of Public Policy	MOIS	Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the ROK
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	ГСММ	Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting
Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center	ГCS	Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat
	rcsc	Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center

TCVD	Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary
TEDMM	Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting
TEMM	Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting
TEPCO	Tokyo Electric Power Company
THMM	Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting
TJEP	Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program
TRIPO	Trilateral IP Offices
TRM	Top Regulators Meeting
UNDRR ONEA-GETI	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction- Office for Northeast Asia& Global Education and Training Institute
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNGGE	United Nations Group of Governmental Experts
WGEPR	Working Group on Emergency Preparedness and Response
WGHRD	Working Group on Human Resources Development
WGOIS	Working Group on Online Information Sharing

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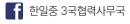
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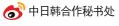
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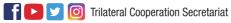
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