

Joint Statement
of the 2nd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on
Disaster Management among Japan,
the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea

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We, the heads of government agencies on disaster management of Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea, held the 2nd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management in Beijing, China on 28 October 2011. We summarized the positive results achieved since the 1st Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management, reiterated the consensus reached at the 4th Trilateral Summit Meeting on 22 May 2011, put forward concrete cooperative measures, and looked to the future prospects for collaboration with a purpose of further promoting the pragmatic cooperation in the field of disaster management among the three countries.

Confronted with the worsening natural disaster situations in Northeast Asia, we recognized profoundly that the extensive experience and practices which the three countries had accumulated in the long fight against all kinds of disasters are our common wealth, and that learning from each other and cooperating with sincerity are conducive to economic progress, people's happiness and sustainable social development of the three countries.

We witnessed that, in the past two years, the cooperation on disaster management under the trilateral framework has become more and more pragmatic, showing a benign development trend. We reaffirmed that only through joint efforts and concerted responses can we effectively reduce disaster risks, minimize losses from disasters, and bring common benefits to the countries and our peoples.

With this in mind, we determine to strengthen the future cooperation in the following areas:

I Establish a Mechanism of Mutual Visits and Exchanges

----Hold a Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management every two years based on the principle of rotation, and hold meetings at appropriate intervals among related senior officials/experts in order to conduct comprehensive and substantive cooperation and exchanges in the field of disaster management.

----Establish gradually a mechanism of organizing joint visits to disaster-stricken areas. Under the premise of taking into account the progress of recovery and reconstruction in disaster-stricken areas, we will invite each other's disaster management officials and experts to visit disaster areas and share experience in disaster management, recovery and reconstruction.

II Improve the sharing of information and technology

----Share information on laws, regulations, systems and policy regarding disaster management through the existing platform of information network.

----Share research outcomes of catastrophes, including the causes of grave disasters in Asian region, disaster risks and response policies, focusing the research on the Wenchuan Earthquake in China on 12 May 2008, the Great East Earthquake in Japan on 11 March 2011 and other major natural disasters, and promote a disaster prevention system among the three countries.

----Exchange the information timely on major domestic natural disasters through government websites, including the information on periodic disaster situation.

----Establish an emergency communication mechanism, designate 24-hour contact points, clarify communication channels and ensure speedy and efficient communication after disaster occurrences.

III Strengthen Cooperation on Capacity Building of Disaster Mitigation and Relief

----Carry out trainings for disaster management personnels among the three countries based on the existing domestic or international education and training institutions, including trainings on the applied technologies for disaster prevention and reduction in geo-spatial technology.

----Discuss and improve procedures for the provision and acceptance of rescue teams and relief materials after the occurrence of major natural disasters among the three countries, subject to national laws and respect for international practices.

----Draw on the international experience and practices of on-site rescue and relief, and study the possibility of establishing an effective mechanism on cooperating to conduct on-site rescues and protect residents in disaster-stricken areas in the three countries.

----Strengthen satellite-based disaster monitoring, and share disaster mitigation geo-spatial data through the existing communication channels among the three countries, and apply relevant geo-spatial data and products obtained from the monitoring of catastrophic disasters.

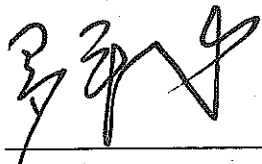
We hereby share the view that the 3rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency on Disaster Management among Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea, as well as the preparatory meeting of senior officials/experts will be hosted by the Republic of Korea.



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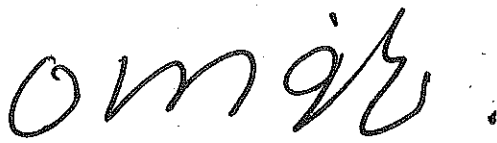


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Signed in Beijing, China on 28 October 2011 in tripartite in the English language.