

The 3rd Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting

Nara Declaration

We, the Culture Ministers of the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, and Japan held the 3rd Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting in Nara, Japan, from January 18 to 19, 2011.

We uphold the spirit of the Namtong Declaration and the Jeju Declaration, respect each country's unique culture and recognize the importance of further development of exchanges and cooperation in the fields of the arts, cultural assets, and culture industries among the three countries. On the basis of enhancing cooperation in the cultural fields as stated in "Vision 2020," which was announced at the 3rd Trilateral Summit among Korea, China and Japan, we confirmed our pledge to cooperate with each other specifically as follows:

Details

(1) Deepening exchanges in the culture and arts sectors

As the people of the three countries enjoy each other's culture and arts, culturally rich societies where people can accept different cultures will be formed, eventually leading to world peace. We will strive to revitalize cultural exchanges and boost mutual understanding at the national level and work together to expand mutual exchanges and strengthen joint production projects.

(2) Promoting cooperation in the field of cultural assets

We will promote cooperation in the protection and utilization of each country's rich cultural heritage and enhance cooperation to make our cultures highly appreciated around the world. In addition, exchanges between museums will be developed further. In the field of the intangible cultural heritage, we maintain close ties for the establishment of international centers for intangible cultural assets of the Asia and Pacific region in each country.

(3) Strengthening cooperation in the field of culture industries

We will enhance exchanges and cooperation for the promotion of culture industries, recognizing their importance. At the same time, we will strongly cooperate and promote the protection of copyrights and the promotion of regular content distribution, which are the basis of the development of culture industries.

(4) Boosting mutual understanding at the national level

We will support cultural exchange projects of various kinds in the private sector and

strive to promote cultural tourism. Furthermore, we will enhance mutual understanding of the public by holding a variety of culture and arts activities in each city of the three countries.

(5) Regularizing the Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting

We, the Culture Ministers of the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, and Japan, have agreed to exchange opinions through the Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting once a year.