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Pursuant 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 FY2017 contains activities and events engaged by the TCS during the 2017 fiscal year (September 2017 – August 2018).

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Jong-heon'.

LEE Jong-heon

Secretary-General,
Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat

“ The TCS will continue to put efforts into balanced coordination to derive tangible and visible outcomes that contribute to the improvement of quality of life in the three countries ”

Fiscal year 2017 was a very meaningful year for trilateral cooperation. First of all, the three Leaders of Japan, China and the ROK met at the 7th Trilateral Summit held in Tokyo in May for the first time in two and a half years and concurred on the significance of regularizing the Trilateral Summit. The Leaders emphasized the importance of trilateral cooperation which would be open and practical contributing to the everyday lives of people in the three countries. The Leaders also appreciated and reaffirmed the role of the TCS while simultaneously expressing their support for its capacity-building and broader participation in the trilateral cooperation mechanisms.

The PyeongChang Winter Olympics and the Paralympics were successfully held in the ROK paving the way for an era of peace in Northeast Asia. This momentum will continue in the summer of 2020 in Tokyo and in the winter of 2022 in Beijing becoming a precious opportunity to enhance cooperation among the three countries.

For the seventh year of the TCS, the 4th Consultative Board was newly set-up. During the previous six years, the ROK, Japan and China have taken turns holding two-year terms. Now, the second round has begun for the TCS to take another great leap forward. Based upon the achievements made by the previous Boards, the 4th Consultative Board aims to exert all its efforts into strengthening up the role of the TCS and making tangible outcomes for the trilateral cooperation as highlighted by the three Leaders.

Last year trilateral government mechanism meetings and activities were held in various areas and levels. The TCS provided substantial support for a variety of inter-governmental consultative bodies operating in various areas including foreign relations, economics, disaster management, environment, public health, culture, etc. Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM), a brochure entitled, *The 20th Anniversary—Tripartite Environmental Cooperation 1999-2018*, was published to introduce the achievements of the three countries in environmental cooperation over the past twenty years and present the future prospects for sustainable development

in the region. In addition, the TCS participated in the Trilateral ICT Ministers' Meeting, which was resumed in May 2018 after a seven-year hiatus, while expanding its participation in ICT cooperation between the three countries. The TCS has also been at the forefront and is continuing its support for follow-up projects such as the Joint Project on E-commerce approved at the 11th Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers' Meeting, CAMPUS Asia, and Cultural City of East Asia (CCEA).

In addition to its support for government mechanisms, the TCS fortified its efforts to explore and implement substantial cooperative projects and to enhance understanding of the trilateral cooperation. In order to utilize the Olympic Games as opportunities to enhance trilateral cooperation, the TCS organized the CJK Olympic Road Photo Exhibition & Talk Concert Forum and published a research report, entitled *Olympic Economy*, in three languages containing analyses on the economic impact of the Olympics. In addition, the TCS is in the process of carrying out the project of Interactive Data Visualization to provide online access to the latest statistics on various fields regarding the three countries including population, commerce, energy, environment, technology, movement of people, natural disasters, etc. Finally published after a year-and-a-half of editorial work, *the Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary (TCVD)* is expected to promote mutual understanding among the people of the three countries in addition to vitalizing exchange and cooperation in the areas of humanities.

To cope with the growing need for trilateral consultative mechanisms and cooperative projects, the TCS opened a new International Conference Hall in Seoul in June 2018 with financial support from the ROK government. The Hall is equipped with high-end facilities including simultaneous interpretation booths and has become a landmark of the TCS being the scene of various seminars, events and exhibitions since its opening.

Since 1999, the three countries have held 11 Summits on the occasion of the ASEAN+3 Summit as well as 7 independent Trilateral Summits. Furthermore, the number of the ministerial level mechanism meetings has increased to 21, while the number of mechanism meetings at other levels has grown to more than 70. The annual volume of tourists between the three countries is expected to reach 30 million in the coming years. Numerous trans-border issues cannot be solved solely through bilateral consultations. Therefore, the cooperative relations among the three countries have become an irreversible reality despite of the bilateral ups and downs. Although challenging, it is not an impossible task to establish a region of cooperation in Northeast Asia in which the three countries continuously and positively interact with one another as neighboring countries beyond being a mere combination of bilateral relations.

In fiscal year 2017, we witnessed historic changes and challenges in the political situation in Northeast Asia. There still exist many difficult obstacles which have to be surmounted. However, if peace settles down on the Korean Peninsula, it will provide a great momentum in finding and developing a new framework for the Trilateral Cooperation.

The 4th Consultative Board has just finished half of its two-year term. During the remainder of the term, the TCS will continue to put efforts into balanced coordination to derive tangible and visible outcomes that contribute to the improvement of quality of life in the three countries. Moreover, the TCS plans to divert much effort into building up its capacity in order to fulfill its role as a facilitator contributing to the reinforcement of 'good regionalism.' We kindly ask for your continued interest and support in helping the trilateral cooperation move forward.

About the TCS

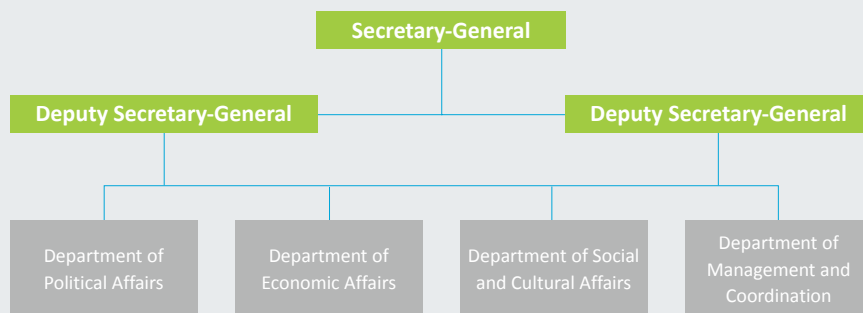
The Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) is an international organization established with a vision to promote peace, stability and common prosperity in the East Asian Region. Pursuant to *the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS* signed and ratified by the three governments of the People's Republic of China (China), Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK), the TCS was officially inaugurated in Seoul in September 2011. On the basis of 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. With a view to solidifying the cooperative ties among the three countries, the TCS will strive to ensure that CJK (China-Japan-Korea) cooperation remains dynamic and future-oriented in the coming days.

Functions

- Providing support for trilateral consultative mechanisms
- Exploring and facilitating cooperative projects
- Communicating and coordinating with stakeholders
- Generating databases, research and publications

Structure



Consultative Board

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

1st Board 2011.9 - 2013.8

SG
DSG
DSG



ROK

SHIN Bong-kil



Japan

MATSUKAWA Rui



China

MAO Ning

2nd Board 2013.9 - 2015.8

SG
DSG
DSG



Japan

IWATANI Shigeo



China

CHEN Feng



ROK

LEE Jong-heon

3rd Board 2015.9 - 2017.8

SG
DSG
DSG



China

YANG Houlan



ROK

LEE Jong-heon



Japan

UMEZAWA Akima

4th Board 2017.9 - 2019.8

SG
DSG
DSG



ROK

LEE Jong-heon



Japan

YAMAMOTO Yasushi



China

HAN Mei

Department of Political Affairs

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

Department of Social and Cultural Affairs

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

Department of Economic Affairs

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

Department of Management and Coordination

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

Departments

There are four Departments which 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.

Historical Background and Development

- 1999.11 **Inception of the Trilateral Cooperation**
1st Trilateral Summit on Occasion of the 3rd ASEAN Plus Three Summit (Manila, Philippines)
- 2008.12 **Institutionalization of the Trilateral Cooperation**
1st Trilateral Summit independent from the ASEAN Plus Three framework (Fukuoka, Japan)
- 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 2nd Trilateral Summit (Beijing, China)
- 2010.05 **Memorandum on the Establishment of the TCS**
The three leaders adopted *the Memorandum on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat* at the 3rd Trilateral Summit (Jeju, ROK)
- 2010.12 **Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS**
The three governments signed *the Agreement on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat* (Seoul, ROK)
- 2011.09 **Establishment of the TCS**
Opening Ceremony of the TCS (Seoul, ROK)
- 2012.05 **TCS Participation in the 5th Trilateral Summit** (Beijing, China)
- 2013.10 **TCS Participation in the 16th ASEAN Plus Three Summit**
(Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam)
- 2014.11 **TCS Participation in the 17th ASEAN Plus Three Summit**
(Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar)
- 2015.11 **TCS Participation in the 6th Trilateral Summit** (Seoul, ROK)
TCS Participation in the 18th ASEAN Plus Three Summit
(Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- 2016.09 **5th Anniversary Reception of the TCS** (Seoul, ROK)
TCS Participation in the 19th ASEAN Plus Three Summit
(Vientiane, Lao PDR)
- 2017.11 **TCS Participation in the 20th ASEAN Plus Three Summit**
(Manila, Philippines)
- 2018.05 **TCS Participation in the 7th Trilateral Summit** (Tokyo, Japan)
- 2018.06 **Opening of the TCS International Conference Hall**
Unveiling Ceremony of the TCS International Conference Hall (Seoul, ROK)



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제3차 한·일·중 정상회의

The Third Trilateral Summit Meeting
the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the People's Republic of China

Jeju, Korea | May 29-30, 2010



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- 1 Memorandum on the Establishment of the TCS adopted at the 3rd Trilateral Summit (May 2010)
- 2 Opening Ceremony of the TCS (Sep 2011)
- 3 TCS Participation in the 7th Trilateral Summit (May 2018)
- 4 Unveiling Ceremony of the TCS International Conference Hall (June 2018)

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FY2017 Highlights



p.17 7th Trilateral Summit

The 7th Trilateral Summit between Japan, China, and the ROK was held in Tokyo, Japan, on May 9, 2018. The Summit was attended by Japanese Prime Minister ABE Shinzo, Chinese Premier LI Keqiang, and the ROK President MOON Jae-in. The delegation of the TCS, headed by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon, also participated in the Summit. *Joint Declaration of the Seventh Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit* was adopted after the Summit, along with a special document, namely, *Joint Statement on the '2018 Inter-Korean Summit' by the Leaders of Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea*, welcoming the *Panmunjeom Declaration* agreed upon at the 2018 Inter-Korean Summit.



p.66 **International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2018**

The IFTC 2018 was organized in Tokyo, Japan, under the main theme entitled “The Opening of a New Chapter for Trilateral Cooperation – The Past 10 years, the Coming 10 Years.” Ten years had passed since the first independent Trilateral Summit held back in 2008. In light of this significant occasion, IFTC 2018 aimed to look back on the achievement of trilateral cooperation made over the past 10 years and to draw a map which will guide the future course of trilateral cooperation through the decade ahead.

p.59 **Korea-Japan-China Olympic Road Photo Exhibition and Talk Concert Forum**

This program was organized as a follow-up of the 7th Trilateral Summit where the Leaders of the three countries highlighted on the meaningfulness of consecutive hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in PyeongChang, Tokyo, and Beijing from 2018 to 2022. During the talk concert and panel discussion, the CJK national athletes and Olympic & Paralympic-related government officials and experts presented the outcomes and lessons from Pyeongchang 2018 and trilateral cooperation during the Olympic Games. Participants also shared the current progress of Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 in addition to ideas to further strengthen trilateral cooperation and sustainable development. 83 photo frames were exhibited showing the competition and cooperation of CJK athletes and cheering squads.

International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2018





Newly Opened TCS International Conference Hall



p.59 Opening of the TCS International Conference Hall

Located in the same building of the TCS office, the Conference Hall was opened in June 2018 to allow the TCS to communicate more closely with various stakeholders including the general public and promote the importance of trilateral cooperation. The Conference Hall is equipped with simultaneous interpretation facilities for Chinese, Japanese, Korean and English, offering a variety of room layouts in order to effectively utilize the space as exhibition venue, performance stage, platform for lectures and seminars and as a floor for talk concerts.

p.60 2018 Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program (TJEP)

The TJEP is a 10-day program that offers journalists from the three countries to deepen their understanding of trilateral cooperation and contribute in creating a constructive media environment for the co-prosperity of the three countries. The program was initiated in 2014 and has been a flagship program of TCS since then. In 2018, the TCS organized the 5th TJEP under the theme of “Trilateral Cooperation in the Next Decade” in China, Japan and the ROK (visiting country order) from June 13 to 23. Nine senior journalists from the three countries joined the TJEP delegation.



p.88 **TEMM20 Anniversary Brochure: 20th Anniversary-Tripartite Environmental Cooperation 1999-2018**

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM), and facilitate general public's understanding of TEMM and Tripartite Environmental Cooperation, the TCS published a brochure entitled *The 20th Anniversary-Tripartite Environmental Cooperation 1999-2018* in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and English. The brochure gives an overview of the TEMM and its 20 years of achievement while shedding light on future tripartite cooperation towards a sustainable Northeast Asia.



p.51 **6th Trilateral Business Seminar & Networking Reception (TBNR)**

The TCS organized the 6th TBNR in Tokyo, Japan in July 2018 under the theme of “Public-Private Networking for CJK Cross-country Startup.” The 6th TBNR invited business associations, public sectors, large enterprises and startups who were interested in sharing information on cross-country startup businesses in the three countries. All participants and event sponsors emphasized that the promotion of entrepreneurship should be sustained by establishing a trilateral platform to stimulate cross-country startup cooperation.

p.62 **2018 Young Ambassador Program (YAP)**

The 2018 YAP was held in Seoul and Jeju, ROK, from July to August. The YAP is an annual student exchange program organized by the TCS which offers a range of opportunities for promising future leaders of China, Japan and the ROK to enhance their understanding on trilateral cooperation and to foster a sense of community and friendship. This year, the YAP was joined by 20 qualified undergraduate and graduate students from the three countries.



p.87 Interactive Data Visualization

The TCS launched an interactive data visualization system on its official website for the purpose of providing up-to-date and easy-to-understand trilateral statistics to the general public. The system provides key statistics and figures on the trends of various areas through interactive visualization tool including economy, energy and environment, science and technology, movement of people, demographic and natural disaster.

p.88 Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary (TCVD)

TCVD is a project initiated by the TCS as one of promotion activities for the *chart of 808 Commonly Used Chinese Characters in China, Japan and the ROK* announced at the 9th Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum (NATF) in 2014. TCVD contains 658 common vocabularies and phrases that are frequently used in daily life in the three countries of China, Japan and the ROK. The Dictionary was produced over a period of one and a half years by the Editorial Committees comprised of CJK experts organized by the TCS. The first edition of TCVD was successfully published in August 2018. The TCS held the TCVD Publication Ceremony in Seoul, as well as promotional events in Beijing and Kyoto, respectively. Given the high attention and popularity received from the general public, the TCS plans to distribute the dictionary to relevant institutions and continue to upgrade the contents.



p.62 Trilateral Artist Talk & Exhibition: Past, Present, and Future of Lacquer Art

The TCS organized the Trilateral Artist Talk & Exhibition for the first time to enhance the understanding on the history of mutual exchanges and trilateral cooperation in the realm of art. This open-to-public exhibition of 24 CJK artworks including 14 paintings and 10 sculptures began with an Artist Talk Concert featuring lacquer artists from China, Japan and the ROK and attracted more than 300 people during its two week duration. Concurrently, a CJK tea ceremony and well-coordinated, harmonious traditional music performances were provided during the opening ceremony.

p.48 Inter-Regional Dialogue on Regional Cooperation: '3+1' Modality and Trilateral Cooperation Outlook

The event was held in Seoul, ROK in August 2018 as a follow-up project to the 7th Trilateral Summit. Participants from China, Japan, ROK, the EU Delegation to the ROK and APEC Secretariat shared their understandings and analyses on the meaning of "3+1" Modality (or "CJK+X" Cooperation) – a new concept adopted by the 7th Trilateral Summit – in addition to feasible approaches and areas to put action plans into practice.

Trilateral Artist Talk & Exhibition: Past, Present, and Future of Lacquer Art





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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

1. Political Affairs



Foreign Affairs

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MOFAs) of the three countries prepare the agenda and deliverables by convening a series of meetings at various levels and communicating with other ministries to exchange information and follow-up on their progress on functional cooperation in the relevant areas. Throughout this process, the three parties review the progress and set the future direction of the trilateral cooperation, discuss ways to promote trilateral consultation on key regional and global issues, and make necessary preparation for summit meetings.

The TCS provides technical support for the operation and management of the Summit, as mandated by Article 3.1(a) of *the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS*, by maintaining close communication with the three MOFAs, participating in a series of preparatory meetings, keeping track of implementation of deliverables, creating a database of outcomes and facilitating new initiatives in cooperation with relevant ministries. The TCS is also trying to play a significant role in giving impetus to institutionalizing trilateral cooperation and working towards the complete restoration of its process by expanding habits of cooperation.







20th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit

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The TCS delegation, headed by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon, attended the 20th APT Commemorative Summit held in Manila, the Philippines, on November 14, 2017. The TCS observed the APT Leaders' remarks on the review and future direction of APT cooperation and on regional and international issues. The Leaders agreed to expand and deepen APT cooperation going forward recognizing it as a valuable mechanism for regional architecture in East Asia. *The Manila Declaration on the 20th Anniversary of ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation* was also adopted, through which the Leaders encouraged the ASEAN Secretariat and the TCS to work together in further promoting APT 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, 2017
Venue:	Manila, the Philippines
Participants:	 Leaders of the 10 ASEAN member states    Leaders of the Plus Three countries
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Chairman's Statement of the 20th ASEAN Plus Three Commemorative Summit</i>▪ <i>Manila Declaration on the 20th Anniversary of ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation</i>

7th Trilateral Summit

The TCS delegation, headed by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon, participated in the 7th Trilateral Summit held in Tokyo, Japan, on May 9, 2018. The Summit was attended by Japanese Prime Minister ABE Shinzo, Chinese Premier LI Keqiang, and the ROK President MOON Jae-in. The Summit reviewed the progress made over the past decade and discussed the future direction of trilateral cooperation for the coming decade highlighting that it marked the tenth year since the first independent Trilateral Summit. The Leaders also agreed on the importance of holding the Summit on a regular basis.

After the Summit, *Joint Declaration of the Seventh Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit* was adopted along with the annex on the list of trilateral meetings since November 2015. In the Declaration, the Leaders appreciated and reaffirmed the TCS's role in advancing trilateral cooperation and expressed support for the capacity-building of the TCS as well as its broader participation in all trilateral mechanisms. The Leaders also reaffirmed that the launching of the Trilateral Cooperation Fund (TCF) will be instrumental for the development of trilateral cooperation projects.



Trilateral Summit serves as an umbrella for 70+ trilateral consultative mechanisms and a number of relevant projects that are organized with a vision to promote cooperative relations between Japan, China and the ROK, and the region at large. The current setting of the Trilateral Summit was established in 2008 when the Leaders began to meet outside the APT cooperation mechanism. The inauguration of such independent Summit had a symbolic meaning as it demonstrated political will and commitment of the three countries to push trilateral cooperation to greater heights. Until today, the Trilateral Summit plays a pivotal role in creating momentum for institutionalization of existing cooperation and inception of new projects.

Overview

- Date:** May 9, 2018
Venue: Tokyo, Japan
Participants: 🇨🇳 🇺🇸 🇰🇷 Leaders of the Three Countries
Outcomes: ■ *Joint Declaration of the Seventh Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit*
■ *Joint Statement on the '2018 Inter-Korean Summit' by the Leaders of Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea*



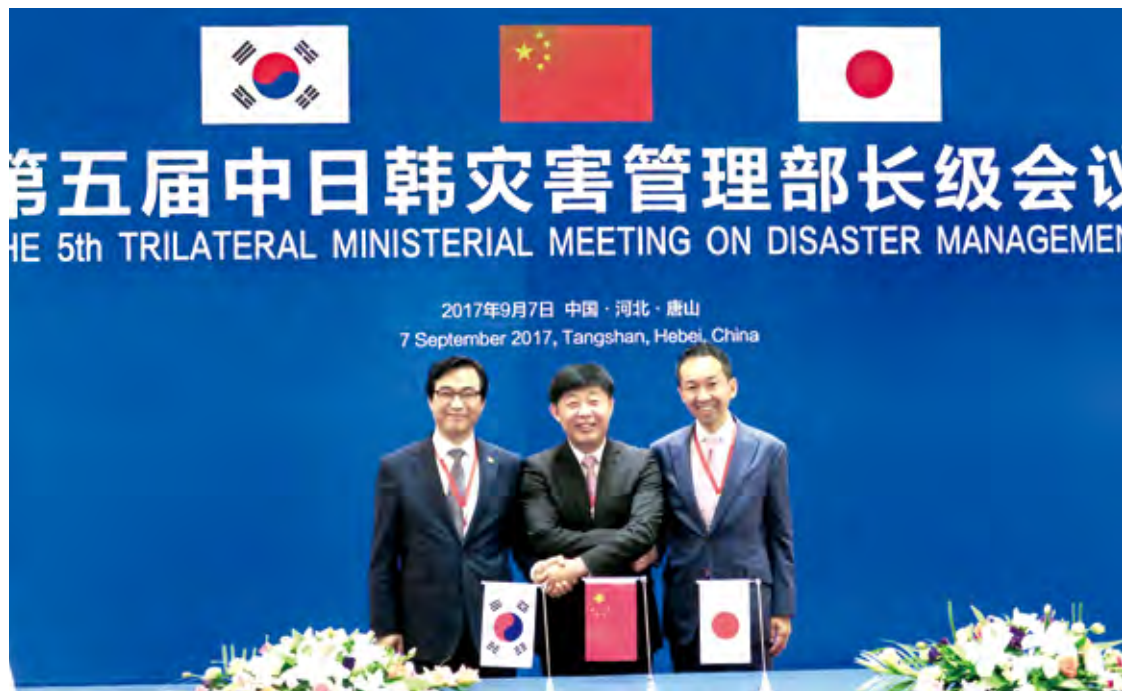
Disaster Management

There has been an 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.

Such recognition and a sense of shared responsibility was strengthened especially after the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, which led to reaffirmation of the Leaders' commitment to enhancing cooperation on disaster management at the 4th Trilateral Summit held in the same year. In connection to this, the TCS seeks to establish an institutional framework for regional cooperation on disaster management by organizing platforms for policy exchanges and exercise among the relevant officials and experts of the three countries.

5th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management

The TCS took part in the 5th Meeting which was held in Tangshan, China, on September 7, 2017. At the Meeting, the three parties reviewed the progress in the field of disaster management in each country and exchanged ideas on future cooperation among the three countries. Reaffirming that the common action by the three countries is needed to deal with climate change and effectively reduce disaster risks and losses to a maximum extent for the benefit of the three countries and their people, the heads of delegations signed *the Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation*,



which stipulates the measures on strengthening trilateral disaster management cooperation in the areas of (i) promoting continued implementation of *the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR)*; and (ii) strengthening capacity building on disaster risk reduction and relief. The TCS also reported its efforts to the Vice Ministers in this field since the last meeting and expressed its commitment for following up on the meeting.

The Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management has been held biennially since 2009 to share information on the past efforts and current challenges facing each of the three countries to promote concrete trilateral cooperation in the field of disaster management.

Overview

Date:	September 7, 2017
Venue:	Tangshan, China
Participants :	 Ministry of Civil Affairs of China (MCA)  Ministry of Interior and Safety of the ROK (MOIS)  Cabinet Office of Japan (CAO)
Outcome:	<i>Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation</i>

10th Trilateral Top Regulators Meeting (TRM) on Nuclear Safety

The 10th TRM was held on December 5, 2017, in Tokyo, Japan. The TCS attended as an observer. The three parties presented updates on nuclear safety activities and addressed challenges and responses to the Convention Nuclear Safety (CNS) in each country and reviewed the outcomes of the Joint Emergency Drill (JED) as well as the three working groups which were established under TRM framework. The parties also engaged in a discussion on three special topics: TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, carbon sequestration, and safety culture.




The 5th TRM Plus was held the following day. With the aim of strengthening technical communication on nuclear safety among the three countries, experts from the three countries exchanged views on "Countermeasures against Earthquake," "Emergency Preparedness and Response," and "On-site Inspection at Nuclear Power Plants."

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: December 5-6, 2017

Venue: Tokyo, Japan

Participants:  Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA)
 Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC)
 National Nuclear Safety Administration/Ministry of Environmental Protection (NNSA/MEP)

2. Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development



Trade and Investment

As a major economic engine of the world, the three countries play a leading role in the global economy. The trilateral consultative mechanism among economic and trade ministries has been actively creating common agendas and cooperative projects that can benefit all three countries while achieving fruitful outcomes. In 2012, the three governments signed *the Trilateral Investment Agreement* which was the first legal framework in the areas of economy and trade. Since 2013, the three countries have been continuing the Trilateral FTA negotiations after 10-year joint studies on a possible FTA (2003-2009) and on the Trilateral FTA among government officials, business and academic participants (2010-2012).

The TCS stimulates and contributes to the development of trilateral cooperation under such mechanisms in continuous consultation with the ministries by managing various projects tasked by the mechanism, namely the joint project on “Trilateral Cooperation for Improvement of Supply Chain Connectivity (SCC)” and the “Joint Study on E-Commerce” under the Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers’ Meeting. In addition, the TCS laid a foundation to further expand its trilateral economic projects under the APT framework. Based on *the ASEAN+3 Cooperation Work Plan 2018-2022* adopted at the 18th ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers Meeting, the TCS encourages cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat and other related agencies to explore areas of mutual interest with a goal of promoting deeper regional integration and further enhancing the work and initiatives of APT cooperation.

3rd Trilateral Working Group Meeting for the Joint Study “Trilateral Cooperation on E-Commerce”

In light of the importance and economic value of e-commerce, the Joint Study “Trilateral Cooperation on E-Commerce” was launched at the 11th Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers’ Meeting in October 2016 with the TCS designated as a coordinator. The Joint Study aims to conduct basic research on the current status and characteristics of e-commerce activities in the three countries and to analyze challenges that need to be surmounted in order to contribute to the creation of a single pan-regional digital market.

The TCS held the 1st and 2nd Trilateral Working Group Meeting in Seoul and Beijing, respectively, and government officials from three economic and trade ministries as well as researchers from designated research institutes discussed the progress of their research. At the 3rd Working Group Meeting held in Tokyo on September 12, 2017, future trilateral cooperation on e-commerce was actively discussed under the moderation of the TCS. The Joint Study outcomes will be presented to the next Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers’ Meeting.



Overview

Date:	September 12, 2017
Venue:	Tokyo, Japan
Participants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI); Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)  Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the ROK (MOTIE); Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)  Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM); China Academy of Information and Communication Technology (CAICT)

16th Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference

On November 29-30, 2017, the TCS attended the 16th Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference as an international organization observer per the invitation of Kyushu Economy International (KEI). Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei was invited to the Plenary Meeting to present TCS's contribution toward trilateral cooperation among CJK businesses and local governments as an international organization. During the Conference, participants from the three countries shared their experience in the Yellow Sea Rim Economic Zone and held discussions towards sharing their vision and steadfast stance on promoting trade, investment and technological exchange and tackling common social challenges such as the aging society and youth unemployment.

The Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference is a local cooperation mechanism to facilitate economic and technological cooperation between China, Japan and the ROK by inviting participants from governments, economic associations, enterprises, universities and research institutions to attend the meeting. It was initiated by the three countries during the 4th ASEAN+3 Summit in 2000 and officially launched in Fukuoka, Japan, in 2001. It aims to expand trade and investment, promote technology transfer and facilitate human resources exchanges among the three countries.

Overview

Date:	November 29-30, 2017
Venue:	Kagoshima, Japan
Organizers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  METI Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry; Kyushu Economic Federation; Kyushu Economy International (KEI)  Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the ROK (MOTIE), Korea-Japan Economic Association (KJEA)  Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM)



Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)



Reflecting the huge number of the patent applications in the three countries which comprises 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. In addition to the TRIPO (Trilateral IP Offices) Heads Meeting equivalent to a ministerial-level meeting, various working-level meetings such as the Joint Experts Groups of Automation and Patent Examination and the Heads Meeting of IP Training Centers in the three countries have continuously been held. In addition to such efforts, the three offices have launched the new Trilateral IP Cooperation Website named TRIPO to provide IP-related data in three countries. The TCS has been involved in this ministerial meeting since 2014 and has continued its effort to support such trilateral mechanisms as the TRIPO User Symposium.

17th TRIPO Heads Meeting between KIPO, CNIPA and JPO

The 17th TRIPO Heads Meeting was held on December 6, 2017, in Jeju, ROK. At the Meeting, the three Commissioners introduced the current status of their country and had in-depth discussions on various topics for trilateral cooperation activities related to IP. Since the three countries account for more than half of the patent applications in the world and given the increasing trend of applications, the three commissioners shared a common view to emphasize and further strengthen trilateral cooperation among the three offices. Recognizing the need to set a new direction for cooperation which takes into consideration the rapidly changing environment in the realm of intellectual property, the heads of TRIPO agreed to research ways to protect intellectual property rights (IPRs) in the era of the 4th Industrial Revolution and seek new cooperation directions that best suit TRIPO's characteristics. A new TRIPO emblem was also adopted to establish the identity of the trilateral intellectual property cooperation.

TRIPO Heads Meeting between KIPO, CNIPA and JPO, renamed from the Trilateral Policy Dialogue Meeting among the Commissioners of the IP Offices, has been held annually on a rotational basis in the three countries since 2001 to promote trilateral cooperation in the areas of patents, design rights and trademarks.

Overview

Date:	December 6, 2017
Venue:	Jeju, ROK
Participants:	 Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)  National Intellectual Property Administration of China (CNIPA, former SIPO)  Japan Patent Office (JPO)

5th TRIPO User Symposium

The 5th TRIPO User Symposium (former ‘Trilateral IP Symposium’) was held back-to-back with the 17th TRIPO Heads Meeting on December 7, 2017, where the TCS has been also annually participating. In FY2017, Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi was invited to deliver the opening remarks at the Symposium with the theme of “IPR Strategy of Korea, China and Japan Responding to 4th Industrial Revolution” to discuss the latest trends in intellectual property protection by the administrative and judicial bodies of each country triggered by the 4th Industrial Revolution.

Overview

Date:	December 7, 2017
Venue:	Jeju, ROK
Participants:	 Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)  National Intellectual Property Administration of China (CNIPA)  Japan Patent Office (JPO)
Theme:	“IPR strategy of Korea, China and Japan Responding to 4 th Industrial Revolution”



Information Communications Technology (ICT)

The trilateral cooperation in the area of ICT has been increasingly important due to the trend of fast-growing IT industries across all countries. Especially, the need for directions on collaboration on Open Source Software (OSS) is of great importance. The Trilateral ICT Ministerial Meeting, China-Japan-Korea IT Directors-General Meeting and other working-level meetings have been held among the three countries. Held in parallel with the meetings, the Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum has been aiming its efforts on boosting public and private sector cooperation among the three countries.

The TCS strongly recognizes the importance of the trilateral cooperation in the ICT sector and plans to participate in the consultative mechanisms. Given its contributions to many mechanisms in other economic affairs, it is believed that the TCS will be able to play a vital role in the field in the near future.






6th Trilateral ICT Ministers' Meeting

The ICT Ministers' Meeting resumed after 7 years of suspension since the 5th Ministerial Meeting held in 2011. The TCS delegation attended the Meeting for the first time and Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi delivered the congratulatory remarks. During the meeting, the three Ministers shared the recent progress of ICT policies and engaged in a candid discussion on the utilization of ICT to solve some of the common challenges and opportunities faced by the three countries such as an aging society and the consecutive Olympic Games to be held in the region until 2022. Echoing the agreement at the 7th Trilateral Summit to enhance trilateral cooperation in the ICT sector, the three Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen future cooperation.

The Ministers' Meeting was followed by the Exchange Meeting of China-Japan-Korea ICT Private Enterprises. Business representatives introduced their progressive policies and innovative technologies such as 5G, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI) and 8K.

The Trilateral ICT Ministerial Meeting was proposed by China at the 2nd APT Summit in 2000 to strengthen IT cooperation in Northeast Asia and to lead the global advanced IT technology and services market through trilateral cooperation in IT technology and standards. The first meeting was held in 2002 during the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference but no new meeting has taken place since January 2011. At the 6th Trilateral Summit, the Leaders agreed to hold the ICT Ministers' Meeting on a regular basis.

Overview

Date:	May 28, 2018
Venue:	Tokyo, Japan
Participants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication of Japan (MIC)  Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China (MIIT)  Ministry of Science and ICT of the ROK (MSIT)



Environmental Protection

Northeast Asia has enjoyed high economic growth over the past several decades. At the same time, however, concerns have been raised on issues such as environmental pollution and ecosystem degradation. To address the challenges faced by Northeast Asia and to promote sustainability, the three countries have been working together on a high-level cooperative consultation body in Northeast Asia, named the Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM), since 1999. At the 6th Trilateral Summit, the three Leaders adopted the *Joint Statement of Environmental Cooperation* and emphasized the need for continued and strengthened cooperation in addressing a range of common environmental problems in 9 priority areas. At the 7th Trilateral Summit, the three Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to supporting and promoting joint efforts in the framework of TEMM.

The TCS also shares the understanding that Northeast Asia is one Environmental Community. By providing administrative and technical support to the meetings, conducting the follow-up projects assigned at TEMM, and exploring and implementing cooperative projects under the 9 priorities, the TCS is paving its way to make meaningful and substantial contribution to the TEMM mechanism.

20th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM20)

The TCS delegation attended the TEMM20 held in Suzhou, China, on June 23-24, 2018. The three Ministers introduced latest developments of national environmental policies and shared key strategic goals of their countries to address regional and global environmental challenges. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of this longest-standing and well-established consultative mechanism, the Ministers also reviewed the development and progress of tripartite environmental cooperation since the establishment of the mechanism in 1999 and highlighted key lessons learned as well as the future outlook. The three Ministers agreed to further accelerate cooperation to tackle existing issues in the Northeast Asia.

Several sub-forums including the Youth Forum and Tripartite Roundtable on Environmental Business were also held back to back with the Ministers Meeting. TCS contributed to the design of a reach out activity in the Youth Forum to raise public awareness on the environment and attended the forum. To celebrate the past achievements and to draw a blueprint for a greener Northeast Asia, the TCS also published the 20th Anniversary brochure entitled *20th Anniversary - Tripartite Environmental Cooperation 1999-2018* in collaboration with the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center. As one of the main deliverables of TEMM20, the brochure was distributed at the ministers' meeting.



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The TEMM is the oldest and one of the most institutionalized mechanisms among all the current 21 trilateral minister-level consultative mechanisms. The three ministries have been holding the meeting on an annual basis since 1999 regardless of changes in the Northeast Asian political area and changes in the governments of each country. Within this framework, the three countries aim to promote environmental management, to take a leading role in regional environmental management, and to contribute to global environmental improvement.




Overview

Date:	June 23-24, 2018
Venue:	Suzhou, China
Participants:	 Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (MEE, former MEP)  Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOE)  Ministry of Environment of the ROK (ME)
Outcome:	<i>Joint Communiqué of the Twentieth Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among China, Japan, and the ROK</i>

Post-TEMM19 Working Level Meeting (WLM)

On December 22, 2017, the Post-TEMM19 WLM was held in Seoul, ROK. Directors and working-level staffs reviewed the progress of *the Tripartite Joint Action Plan (TJAP) 2015-2019* and *TEMM19 Joint Communiqué*. Following the review, China reported the current plans of the TEMM20 scheduled to be held in China in 2018. The representatives expected TEMM20 to be an opportunity for the three countries to not only report their achievements and exchange ideas, but also to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the TEMM mechanism and draw a blueprint of future environmental cooperation between the three countries. Meanwhile, TCS Director of Economic Affairs, Ms. JANG EunYoung, presented the progress achieved in general public awareness projects during the WLM.

Overview

Date:	December 22, 2017
Venue:	Seoul, ROK
Participants:	 Ministry of Environment of the ROK (ME)  Ministry of Environmental Protection of China (MEP)  Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOE)

Pre-TEMM20 Working Level Meeting and Directors-General Meeting for TEMM20

TCS delegation attended the Pre-TEMM20 WLM on March 28, 2018, in Beijing, China. Directors and working-level staff discussed the agenda and logistics arrangement for TEMM20, *Joint Communique* of TEMM20 and progress of *the TJAP 2015-2019*. As 2018 is the 20th anniversary of TEMM, the three parties brainstormed on the projects to memorialize the achievements of TEMM, including a Review and Outlook of Tripartite Environmental Cooperation and a 20th anniversary brochure. TCS was tasked by the ministries to publish the brochure.




On May 30, 2018, the TCS delegation participated in the Directors-General Meeting (DGM) for TEMM20 and in Suzhou, China. The Directors-General of the three ministries were reported on the TEMM20 arrangement, *Joint Communique* draft, review and outlook of TEMM, TEMM20 Anniversary Brochure as well as other future tripartite projects. Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi made a remark and stated TCS's on-going support to the mechanism. All three parties reaffirmed mutual support towards a successful TEMM20. At the WLM on the previous day, the working level of the three ministries and the TCS had a full-day discussion regarding related issues.

Overview

Pre-TEMM20 Working Level Meeting

Date: March 28, 2018




Venue: Beijing, China

Participants:  Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (MEE)
 Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOE)
 Ministry of Environment of the ROK (ME)

Directors-General Meeting for TEMM20

Date: May 30, 2018

Venue: Suzhou, China

Participants:  Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (MEE)
 Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOE)
 Ministry of Environment of the ROK (ME)



TEMM20 Youth Forum

The Youth Forum is one of the five back-to-back forums under the TEMM20 umbrella. The TEMM20 Youth Forum was held under the theme of “Contributing to Our Common Future.” During the forum, the TCS organized an activity themed “Youth’s Role in Engaging the General Public to March towards a Greener.” The one-day activity brought together the youth representatives from the three countries to raise public awareness of environmental protection, publicize TEMM achievements to the general public, and engage citizens to picture future collaboration in environmental areas among the three countries through interactive activities.

On June 22, 2018, the session kicked off with an introduction of trilateral cooperation and the TCS. In the afternoon, youth representatives broke out into groups to interact with the local residents of Suzhou, China. On June 23, the youth representatives shared the lessons they learned from the previous day’s activity, as well as their proposals on tackling pressing environmental challenges. Deputy Secretary General YAMAMOTO Yasushi delivered congratulatory remarks, appreciated the youths’ creativity and innovation and reaffirmed the great potentials that the youths had to influence sustainable development.

Overview

Date:	June 22-23, 2018
Venue:	Suzhou, China
Organizer:	Centre for Environmental Education and Communications (CEEC)
Participants:	15 youth representatives from China, Japan and the ROK; focal points and observers, including government representatives
Theme:	“Contributing to Our Common Future: the Youth’s Role in Engaging the General Public to March towards a Greener Tomorrow”



Health and Welfare

With the development of transportation infrastructure, increased cross-border interaction 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 life-styles in the Northeast Asian region.

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.

10th Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (THMM)




The 10th THMM was held in Jinan, China, from November 11 to 12, 2017. The Meeting was presided by Ms. LI Bin, Minister of National Health and Family Planning Commission of China, with the participation of Mr. KATO Katsunobu, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and Mr. PARK Neunghoo, Minister of Health and Welfare of the ROK. Dr. SHIN Young-soo, Regional Director of World Health Organization West Pacific Regional Office (WHO-WPRO) and TCS Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei also participated in the Meeting as observers.



At the meeting, the three Ministers reviewed the development of the tripartite health mechanisms and discussed the measures on furthering tripartite cooperation in the areas of (i) prevention and control of infectious diseases; (ii) healthy aging; (iii) prevention and control of non-communicable diseases; (iv) application of information and communication technology in the field of health; and (v) traditional medicine. Celebrating the momentous 10th year anniversary of the THMM, the TCS compiled and submitted the 10th Anniversary Booklet to the three Ministers. The meeting also adopted *the Joint Statement of the Tenth Tripartite Health Ministers' 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 High-Level Meeting and Policy Seminar on Aging.

Overview

Date:	November 11-12, 2017
Venue:	Jinan, China
Participants:	 National Health and Family Planning Commission of China  Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (MHLW)  Ministry of Health and Welfare of the ROK (MOHW)
Outcomes:	<i>Joint Statement of the Tenth Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting</i>



Forestry

Since 2014, the forestry agencies of the three countries have enhanced forestry cooperation under the Trilateral Director General (DG) Level Meeting on Forestry Cooperation. Aiming to work towards sustainable management and development of forestry, the three countries continue their efforts to further promote the consultative mechanism through close collaboration and implementation of follow-up projects in various areas including forest therapy, forest healing, timber trade, seed conservation, etc.

The TCS has been participating in the Trilateral DG Level Meeting as an observer since the first meeting. The TCS continues its support to fulfill the mandates of the mechanism as well as facilitate follow-up projects such as the Forestry Lexicon and trilateral forestry mechanism website which fosters the creation of added-value to the cooperation in this area.

5th Trilateral Director-General Level Meeting on Forestry Cooperation

The 5th Trilateral DG Level Meeting was held in Yeongju, ROK, on May 31, 2018. Under the delegation of Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi, the TCS participated in the 5th Meeting to have in-depth discussions on the progress review and future agendas for trilateral forestry cooperation with the forestry agencies of the three countries.

The DGs reaffirmed the ongoing efforts to promote trilateral cooperation on the specific agendas including SDGs activities, national forest management, seed conservation, and forest therapy. TCS Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO delivered remarks appreciating the successful opening of the 5th Meeting and showed full support to contribute to the mechanism in various ways. During the meeting, the TCS also made a presentation on the future plan for the joint project on Forestry Lexicon and proposed a new idea to develop a trilateral forestry mechanism website.

The Trilateral DG Level Meeting on Forestry Cooperation is organized by the head delegates from the Forestry Authorities of the three countries for enhancing the forest cooperation among the neighboring countries and gathering joint efforts to contribute to the global environment.

Overview

Date:	May 31, 2018
Venue:	Yeongju, ROK
Participants:	 Korea Forest Service (KFS)  Forestry Agency of Japan (FA)  National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China (NFGA)



Water Resources

Acknowledging the importance of close trilateral cooperation in the field of water management, the trilateral mechanism on water resources was formally established in 2012. Since then, the three governments have held Ministerial Meetings triennially and continued to develop cooperative projects to actively share policy developments and best practices among the three countries. They have also made a commitment to spread their achievements to other countries, especially in the developing world, to improve water security.

The TCS has been recognized by the three parties as a hub for cooperation in the water sector and continues to work closely with the ministries to provide necessary administrative and technical support to organize the Ministerial Meeting. The TCS plans to further strengthen its partnership with ministries and relevant institutions and facilitate follow-up projects under the mechanism to promote cooperation and raise public awareness.

3rd Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Water Resources

The 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Water Resources was held on the occasion of the 8th World Water Forum. The Ministerial Meeting is a triennial mechanism and the Ministers convened the meeting with the theme of “Implementing Water-related SDGs and Sharing Applicable Experience” in 2018. The three Ministers introduced domestic policy developments and proposed ways to strengthen cooperation to achieve sustainable water management in the three countries and the region. They also adopted *the Joint Statement* in which they highly affirmed the significance of trilateral cooperation in the water sector. The signing ceremony was led by Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi.

On the occasion of the 3rd Ministerial Meeting, the TCS hosted a dialogue with a panel of experts on water resources in which three experts showcased best practices of each country’s sustainable water management in relation to SDGs. In response to the three ministries’ encouragement to continue serving as the hub of water cooperation, TCS plans to hold similar dialogues among experts as well as government officials to promote information sharing among various stakeholders.

The Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Water Resources was first established in 2012 in accordance to *the Joint Statement on Trilateral Cooperation for Water Resources* adopted by the Ministers during the 5th World Water Forum in 2009. Aiming to discuss increased cooperation on policy innovation for water resources and respond to water-related issues by promoting exchanges of information and sharing experiences, the Ministerial Meeting is held every three years concurrently with the World Water Forum.

Overview




Date:	March 19, 2018
Venue:	Brasilia, Brazil
Participants:	 Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (MLIT)  Ministry of Water Resources of China (MWR)  Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the ROK (MOLIT)
Outcome:	<i>Joint Statement</i>
Side Event :	Expert Dialogue on Water Resources



Director-level Meeting for the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Water Resources

In preparation of the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Water Resources, the TCS hosted a director-level meeting on the occasion of the 3rd Asia Pacific Water Summit. At the meeting, working-level staffs discussed general arrangements for the Ministerial Meeting, including its theme and coordination of *the Joint Statement*. Director of Economic Affairs Ms. JANG EunYoung introduced exemplary follow-up projects conducted in other mechanisms and proposed to explore follow-up projects between the three-year interval of the Ministerial Meetings.

Overview

Date:	December 11, 2017
Venue:	Yangon, Myanmar
Participants:	 Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (MLIT)  Ministry of Water Resources of China (MWR)  Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the ROK (MOLIT)



Transport and Logistics

The three countries have a long history of cooperation in various areas under transport and logistics. Under the framework of the Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics, the three countries have conducted the Northeast Asia Port Director-General (DG) Meeting, Working Groups, the Northeast Asia Port Symposium and the Northeast Asia Logistics Information Service Network (NEAL-NET). The TCS has been actively participating in the Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics since the 4th Conference in 2012 and continues to enhance trilateral cooperation by exploring as well as implementing cooperative projects.

7th CJK Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics


The 7th Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics was held on July 18, 2018 in Seoul, ROK, back-to-back with the DG Preparatory Meeting on July 17. The TCS delegation headed by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon and Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi attended as an observer.

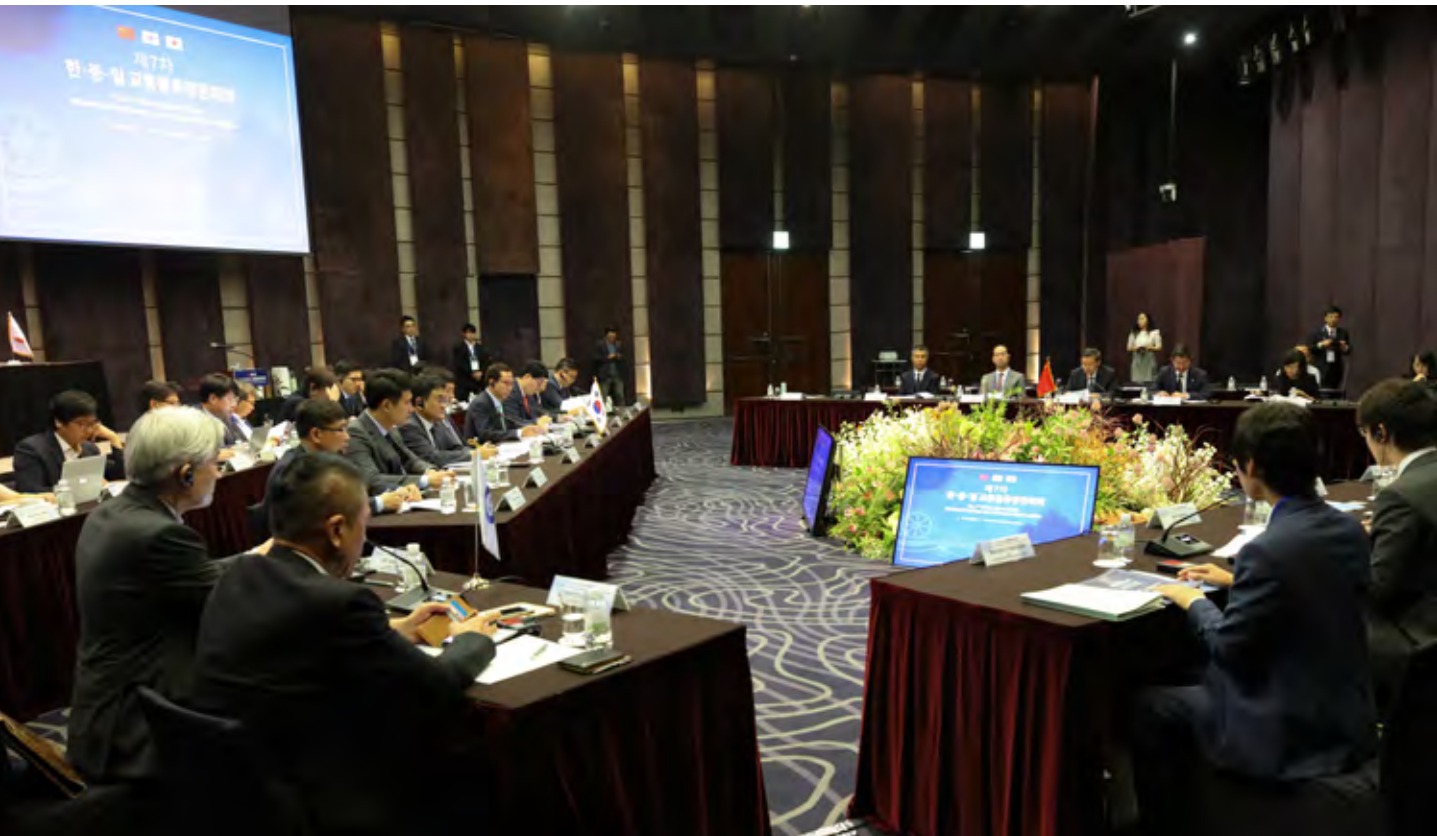
At the Conference, SG LEE reported the general progress of trilateral cooperation and the importance of transport and logistics cooperation. He also emphasized the role and contribution of the TCS toward the transport and logistics mechanism including the trilateral transport and logistic joint website developed by the TCS for exchanging knowledge among three countries.

During the Conference, the representatives of three countries reaffirmed their commitment to the five goals of the trilateral transport and logistics cooperation: (i) creating seamless logistics systems; (ii) establishing environmentally friendly logistics; (iii) achieving balance between logistics security and efficiency; (iv) strengthening cooperation on projects and policies under the major initiatives of the three countries to promote regional connectivity; (v) strengthening joint efforts on the 4th industrial revolution for transport technologies, and reviewed the newly arranged 11 Action Plans under the five main goals.

Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics was established in 2006, currently committed to the three goals of the trilateral transport and logistics cooperation, namely creating a seamless logistics system, developing environment-friendly logistics, and achieving a balance between logistics security and efficiency.

Overview

Date:	July 18, 2018
Venue:	Seoul, ROK
Participants:	 Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK (MOF)  Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism of Japan (MLIT)  Ministry of Transport of China (MOT)



3. Social and Cultural Affairs

Culture

China, Japan, and the ROK have developed its own unique culture based on its rich history sharing a common cultural root. 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 own cultural traditions, the three governments established the Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting (TCMM) in 2007 to promote the 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 such as the Culture City of East Asia (CCEA) Program, the Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum, and the Trilateral Meeting of the Directors of National Museums.

10th Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting (TCMM)

The 10th TCMM was held in Harbin, China, from August 29 to 31, 2018 in which the *Harbin Action Plan* was adopted to consolidate the future-oriented trilateral relations by promoting cultural exchange at various levels. The TCS delegation led by Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei participated in the Meeting and delivered remarks. The TCS has participated in TCMM since 2013 and supported its major follow-ups, including the CCEA Program.

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 the trilateral cultural cooperation.

Overview

Date:	August 29-31, 2018
Venue:	Harbin, China
Participants:	 Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China (MCT)  Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK (MCST)  Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT)
Outcomes:	<i>Harbin Action Plan</i>





Culture City of East Asia (CCEA)




The CCEA Program is a trilateral initiative launched in 2014 to promote cultural exchanges and cooperation among the cities of the three countries. Each year, three designated cities carry out a variety of events concerning their tradition and contemporary culture and engage in diverse trilateral cultural exchanges.

On November 29, 2017, the TCS was invited to 2017 CCEA Network Forum held in Gwangju, ROK. Under the theme of “Towards the Possibility of East Asian Cultural Community,” the Forum brought together the representatives of the 2014 CCEA, namely Gwangju of the ROK, Yokohama of Japan, Quanzhou of China, as well as 2015 and 2016 CCEA of the ROK, Cheongju and Jeju, to examine the progress of the CCEA Program and to discuss the future development of the CCEA network. More than 200 experts of the regional cultural exchange and cooperation participated in the event. The TCS delegation delivered a presentation on the development of the CCEA Program under the broader context of the trilateral cooperation and cultural capital initiatives around the world.

The TCS has provided various support for the 2018 CCEA Program being implemented between Harbin of China, Kanazawa of Japan and Busan of the ROK. The TCS attended the major events of the 2018 CCEA including the opening ceremony of the Program in Harbin, China, from January 4 to 7, and in Busan, ROK, from April 12 to 13, 2018.

Overview

Date: Year-round

Participants:  Harbin  Kanazawa  Busan





Education and Youth

The future of trilateral cooperation between China, Japan and the ROK belongs to the youth of the three countries. The Northeast Asian community needs to be designed for and managed by the young generation who have global perspectives and a strong sense of a regional community. Educating the future leaders of trilateral cooperation is an important but challenging task. Governments of China, Japan and the ROK have recognized the significance of fostering regional leaders, through promoting education cooperation and student exchanges during the past years. CAMPUS Asia (Collective Action for Mobility of University Student in Asia), much like the ERASMUS Programme in Europe, was launched in 2011 to encourage exchanges among university students of the three countries and to cultivate Northeast Asian specialists.

The TCS works closely with the governments of the three countries to support cooperative projects such as the CAMPUS Asia program, the Trilateral Youth Summit and the Children's Story Exchange Program, which aim to promote exchange and mutual understanding among the youth of the three countries. Along with supporting government-initiated projects, the TCS also organizes various projects and events targeting the youth such as the Young Ambassador Program (YAP), which brings together future leaders of the three countries to cultivate a sense of community and a better understanding of trilateral cooperation.

2nd Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting (TEDMM)

The 2nd TEDMM was held in Tokyo, Japan, on March 21, 2018. The meeting was presided by Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT). Minister CHEN Baosheng of China Ministry of Education and Minister KIM Sang-kon of ROK Ministry of Education joined the meeting. From TCS, Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei attended the meeting.



During the meeting, the ministers reviewed the progress made in line with *the Seoul Declaration for Trilateral Education Cooperation* from the 1st Education Ministers' Meeting held in 2016. Building upon this discussion, the ministers agreed to (i) promote and expand student exchanges among the three countries; (ii) further cooperation in higher education through CAMPUS Asia Program and by developing a joint research project on mutual recognition of degrees; and, (iii) strengthen the network with multilateral partnerships through UNESCO, APT, Trilateral Summit and ASEM. The meeting also adopted a *Joint Communiqué*, which included a statement about a new CJK joint research project on higher education. The TCS was designated to serve as the project's focal point.

Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting was established in 2016 to further strengthen and institutionalize trilateral cooperation on education. In the first Meeting held in Seoul, ROK, the Ministers agreed to hold the Education Ministers' Meeting on a regular basis, reaffirming the importance of promoting mutual understanding among the youth and agreed to explore new exchange programs for students.

Overview

Date:	March 21, 2018
Venue:	Tokyo, Japan
Participants:	CJK Ministries of Education
Agenda:	Trilateral education cooperation
Outcome:	<i>Second Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting Joint Communiqué</i>

6th Trilateral Committee for Promoting Exchange and Cooperation Among Universities

The 6th China-Japan-Korea Committee for Promoting Exchange and Cooperation among Universities was held in Seoul, ROK, on November 23, 2017, organized by ROK Ministry of Education and Korean Council for University Education. TCS Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei participated upon the invitation of the host, ROK Ministry of Education, to deliver congratulatory remarks.

The meeting was attended by 6 committee members from the government, government affiliated organizations, universities and the private sector. Represented organizations include ROK and Japan Ministry of Education, Chinese Embassy to ROK, China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), China's Higher Education Evaluation Center (HEEC), Japan's National Institute for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE), Korean Council for University Education (KCUE) as well as CAMPUS Asia Universities and CJK firms. The committee members discussed the agendas on sustainable development and expansion of the CAMPUS Asia Program, quality assurance and monitoring of the CAMPUS Asia Program and creation of a conducive environment for active student exchange and capacity-building.

This committee meeting was established after the 2nd Trilateral Summit. Since the first meeting held in 2010 in Tokyo, Japan, the meeting has been held in rotation in the three countries on issues including the preparation, implementation, monitoring and expansion of the CAMPUS Asia program as well as university quality assurance.

Overview

Date: November 23, 2017

Venue: Seoul, ROK

Participants: MOE/MEXT representatives; CAMPUS Asia Joint Monitoring Committee Members; Representatives from CAMPUS Asia Universities

Agenda: Expansion and monitoring of CAMPUS Asia Program and broader student exchange

Outcome: *Agreement of the 6th Meeting of the CJK Committee for Promoting Exchange and Cooperation among Universities*

TRILATERAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS

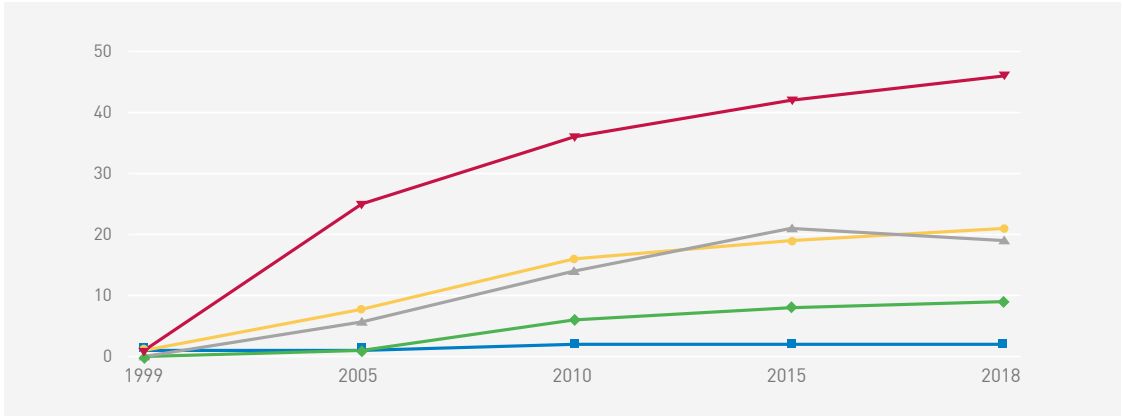


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NUMBER OF TRILATERAL MECHANISMS (as of 2018)

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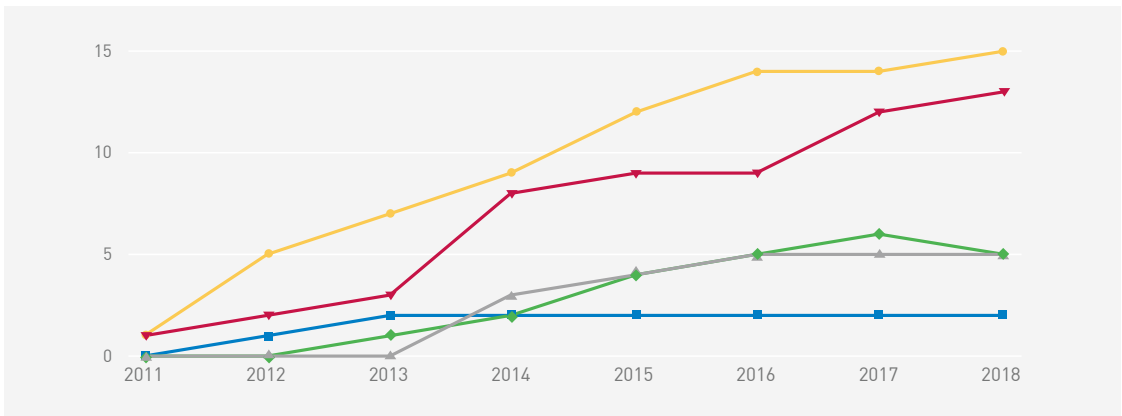
PROGRESS OF TRILATERAL MECHANISMS (1999-2018)



NUMBER OF TCS-PARTICIPATING MECHANISMS (as of 2018)

2 ■ Summits
 15 ● Ministerial-level Meetings
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PROGRESS OF TCS PARTICIPATION (2011-2018)





II

Exploring and Facilitating Cooperative Projects

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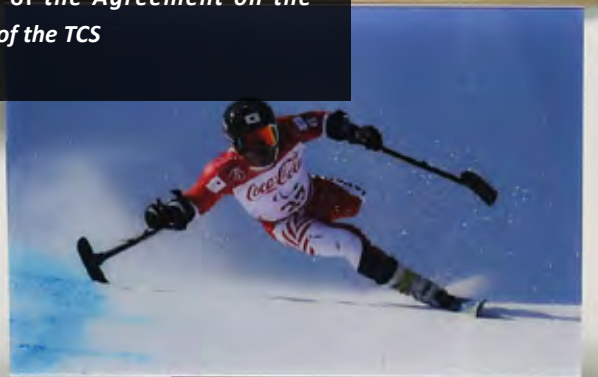
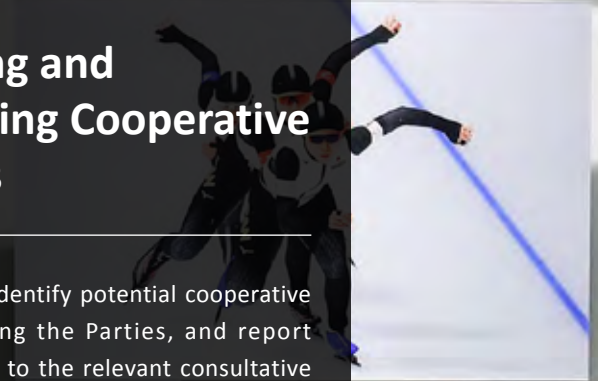
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1. Political Affairs

2nd Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-Tanks (NTCT) Conference

The NTCT, agreed upon during the 7th Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting in March 2015, was officially inaugurated on August 31, 2015, in order to promote mutual intellectual exchange among the three countries. The function of the NTCT is to share academic resources to provide intellectual support for the three Governments, as well as to promote the general public's understanding of the trilateral cooperation.

The 2nd NTCT Conference was held on October 13, 2017, in Seoul, ROK. The Conference was jointly organized by the Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) and Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR). The TCS sponsored and participated in the Conference. At the National Focal Points Meeting, the participants exchanged views on the importance of enhancing trilateral think-tanks cooperation. They further clarified the mechanism of the NTCT and discussed ways to strengthen the function of the NTCT. They also welcomed the TCS to continue playing a secretariat function for the NTCT National Focal Points Meeting and to push forward the implementation of the Research Series proposed by the TCS.

The Meeting was followed by three discussion sessions under the themes of "Regional Security Situation and Cooperation," "Economic Cooperation between Korea, China and Japan," and "Environmental Cooperation between Korea, China and Japan." Distinguished scholars from the three countries shared their insights and offered recommendations on pressing issues in the region, ranging from Northeast Asian security to trilateral economic and environmental cooperation.

Overview

Date:	October 13, 2017
Venue:	Seoul, ROK
Organizer:	 Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA)  China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU)  Japan Forum on International Relations (JFIR)
Agenda:	Regional Security Situation and Cooperation; Economic Cooperation between Korea, China and Japan; Environmental Cooperation between Korea, China and Japan
Program:	2 nd NTCT National Focal Points Meeting and three discussion sessions

9th Northeast Asian Cooperation International Symposium

On October 21, 2017, the 9th Northeast Asian Cooperation International Symposium under the theme of “Trump Administration’s Foreign Policy and Trilateral Cooperation between China, Japan and the ROK” was held in Busan, ROK. The symposium was co-organized by Dongseo University of ROK, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences of China and Keio University of Japan. Distinguished scholars and senior diplomats from the three countries participated in the symposium and shared their insights on pressing issues in Northeast Asia. Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon attended the symposium and delivered the keynote speech.

SG LEE briefly introduced the development of the trilateral cooperation mechanisms, achievements made in spite of the obstacles, and the role of the TCS in promoting the trilateral cooperation. He stressed that the three countries should “seek the greatest common divisor” rather than mainly focusing on divergences. He concluded the speech by calling upon the three countries to create a favorable environment with joint efforts to convene the Trilateral Summit in Japan within this year. The TCS plans to expand its engagement in the event as a co-organizer for the 10th Symposium to be held in Shanghai.

Overview

Date:	October 21, 2017
Venue:	Busan, ROK
Organizer:	 Dongseo University  Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences  Keio University
Theme:	“Trump Administration’s Foreign Policy and Trilateral Cooperation between China, Japan and the ROK”

Asia Economic Community Forum 2017

The TCS participated as a sponsor in the Asia Economic Community Forum 2017 held from October 31 to November 2, 2017, in Incheon, ROK. The main theme of the Forum was “Neo-isolationism, the 4th Industrial Revolution and the Asian Community.” Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered his congratulatory remarks during the opening ceremony, highlighting the intrinsic value of trilateral cooperation as a regional framework for peace and prosperity, and calling for collective efforts to turn the uncertainties posed by the 4th Industrial Revolution into opportunities to establish stability and regional community in East Asia. Also, the TCS Prize was awarded to the best delegate of the 9th Model Asian Union, a debate/proposal-based competition among the university students on the topic of ‘4th Industrial Revolution and Asian Community,’ and ‘4th Industrial Revolution and Youth Policies.’

Overview

Date: October 31- November 2, 2017
Venue: Incheon, ROK
Organizer: Asia Economic Community Foundation
Theme: “Neo-isolationism, the 4th Industrial Revolution and the Asian Community”

Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2018

The BFA is a nongovernmental 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 economy, society, and environment and other relevant issues among leaders of governments, business and academic circles of Asian countries and other regions. TCS Secretary-General has been invited to attend the Annual Conference of BFA since 2016.

On April 11, 2018, Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon attended 2018 BFA and delivered remarks at the Roundtable on Asian Regional Cooperation Organizations with the theme “Innovation, Development and Future of Asian Regional Cooperation.” Mr. CHEN Xiaodong, Assistant Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, and leaders from the UN, ASEAN, CICA, ASEAN-China Centre, ACD Secretariat, SCO, as well as other Asian think-tanks participated in the roundtable to exchange views on future Asian regional cooperation. SG LEE analyzed the trends of international order in the Post-War era and spoke highly of the significance of regional cooperation as a new governance system. He underlined the importance of trilateral cooperation and the efforts made by TCS to keep the momentum of regional cooperation going in Asia. Regarding the role of regional cooperation organizations, he ended his remarks by emphasizing that interconnectivity is the most important key word applicable to future regional cooperation.

Overview

Date: April 11, 2018
Venue: Boao, China
Organizer: Secretariat of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA)
Theme: “Innovation, Development and Future of Asian Regional Cooperation”

2018 Young Professionals Consortium on Trilateral Cooperation

The TCS co-organized the ‘2018 Young Professionals Consortium on Trilateral Cooperation’ on July 6, 2018, with the Institute of East and West Studies of Yonsei University and its distinguished partners, Waseda University and Tsinghua University. The program was designed with an aim to encourage young professionals, including graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, from the three countries to strengthen trilateral partnership, conduct research on the common subjects of interest, and to come up with innovative suggestions for trilateral cooperation. This year’s program for young professionals was held as part of the ‘2018 Joint Symposium on Trilateral Cooperation’ under the theme of “Future, Connected: Seeking New Opportunities for Trilateral Cooperation through Emerging Trans-border Issues.”

The Symposium began with the Experts’ Forum held at Yonsei University where renowned professors from the three countries gathered to discuss the pressing trans-border issues requiring joint responses and cooperation among the three countries. The Forum was followed by ‘Young Professionals Consortium on Trilateral Cooperation’ organized at the TCS International Conference Hall inviting young professionals from the three countries to deliver presentations on the issues in areas such as energy, science and technology, social welfare and innovation, and cultural diplomacy. The participants, including the professors who attended as moderators and discussants, spoke highly of the purpose and goals behind this program and encouraged the TCS to continue its efforts in developing the program to build and empower a young professionals’ network among the three countries.



Overview

Date: July 6, 2018
Venue: TCS International Conference Hall
Organizers: TCS, Institute of East-West Studies (IEWS), Yonsei University
Participants: Professors and graduate students of the three countries
Theme: “Future, Connected- Seeking New Opportunities for Trilateral Cooperation through Emerging Trans-border Issues”

Inter-Regional Dialogue on Regional Cooperation: ‘3+1’ Modality and Trilateral Cooperation Outlook

On August 21, 2018, the TCS held the “Inter-regional Dialogue on Regional Cooperation: ‘3+1’ Modality and Trilateral Cooperation Outlook” in Seoul, ROK, as a follow-up event to the 7th Trilateral Summit. Speakers from China, Japan, ROK, EU Delegation and APEC Secretariat shared their understandings and analyses regarding the meaning of “3+1” Modality (or “CJK+X” Cooperation), a new concept adopted by the 7th Trilateral Summit, as well as feasible approaches and areas to put it into practice.

“We share the intention to explore the “3+1” modality, including through strengthening trilateral dialogue and consultation, to promote sustainable development in the region and beyond by sharing our development experiences and deepening practical cooperation in various areas.”

Joint Declaration of the Seventh Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit

In the Dialogue, Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered the opening remarks and pointed out that “3+1” Modality has created a new platform to further promote trilateral practical cooperation through utilizing current trilateral mechanisms as well as establishing new channels in various areas. He highlighted that “3+1” Modality shows that China, Japan and the ROK not only attach importance to their own relations and cooperation, but also highly expect to commonly share and bring new opportunities of sustainable development to other countries.

Overview

Date: August 21, 2018
Venue: TCS International Conference Hall
Organizer: TCS
Participants: 10+ CJK scholars, moderators and discussants from EU and APEC
Theme: “‘3+1’ Modality and Trilateral Cooperation Outlook”



2. Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development

3rd China-Japan-Korea Industries Expo

The TCS co-organized the 3rd China-Japan-Korea Industries Expo with CCOIC, JAPIT and KITA in Weifang, China, on September 23-25, 2017. Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered remarks at the opening ceremony and signature events: China-Japan-Korea Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum & Business Leaders' Summit. On the occasion, SG LEE spoke highly of the event and believed that the Expo would serve as a valuable platform to enhance economic and trade cooperation not only amongst the business of China, Japan and the ROK but with other countries as well. TCS also attended China-Japan-Korea Business Associations Roundtable Conference and encouraged stronger ties and bigger role of business associations in the three countries. The forum and roundtable were joined by distinguished guests from the business, government, and academic sectors of China, Japan and the ROK.

The Expo was launched in 2015 with an aim to create a unique innovative, multi-field and fully-functional regional economic cooperation platform through the use of its advantages in location, resources, and policies. The TCS was a supporting organization of the Expo in 2015 and co-organized the Expo in 2016 and 2017. This year, there were about 400 companies that joined the Expo with 211 from outside China. The Expo covered AI, beauty, and food industries.

Overview

Date:	September 23-25, 2017
Venue:	Weifang, China
Organizers:	TCS, China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), The Association for the Promotion of International Trade, Japan (JAPIT), Korea International Trade Association (KITA)
Participants:	400+ CJK business

1st Global Cross-Border E-Commerce Conference

On February 9-10, 2018, the TCS delegation attended the 1st Global Cross-Border E-Commerce Conference. The Conference discussed the challenges to customs brought by the rapid development of cross-border e-commerce market, trade facilitation and simplification, safety and security, revenue collection, measurement and analysis, and opportunities for new partnership, etc.

Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi joined the roundtable session on "The Belt and Road: Opportunities for E-commerce." He gave an overview of e-commerce development and supply chain connectivity in China, Japan and the ROK. He also introduced TCS's efforts to support the trilateral cooperation in this matter. The Conference was attended by 1,600 participants from customs, governments, international organizations, academia, as well as business around the world. It was an important platform for TCS to share its relevant projects to the audience and learn how it can be a part of the endeavor to promote customs cooperation in the future.

Overview

Date:	February 9-10, 2018
Venue:	Beijing, China
Organizers:	World Customs Organization (WCO), General Administration of Customs of China (GACC)
Participants:	1,600+ audience from customs, governments, international organizations, academia and business around the world
Theme:	“An Innovative, Inclusive, Strategic and Collaborative Approach to Sustainable Cross-border E-Commerce”

Trilateral Summit of Business Association Cooperation & Economic, Trade and Investment Cooperation in Emerging Industries

The Trilateral Summit of Business Association Cooperation & Economics, Trade and Investment Cooperation in Emerging Industries was held in Shaoxing, China, on May 18, 2018. The conference themed, “New Era, New Economy, New Drive,” aimed to further cooperation among the business associations as well as explore investment opportunities in the emerging industries in the three countries.

Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi delivered a remark to express TCS’s support to trilateral cooperation in free trade and regional economic integration, innovation and the development of emerging industries, and pragmatic cooperation among local governments and business associations. On the occasion, the CJK Belt & Road Business Association Network was launched. The network aims to increase CJK corporate understanding of the B&R Initiative, promote pragmatic communication in the areas covered by the B&R Initiative, and deepen cooperation for mutual benefits.

Overview

Date:	May 18, 2018
Venue:	Shaoxing, China
Organizers:	China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), Shaoxing Municipal Government
Theme:	“New Era, New Economy, New Drive”

10th APEC Small and Medium Enterprises Technology Conference and Fair (APEC SMETC)

The 10th APEC SMETC was held in Shenyang, China on June 27-29, 2018. The APEC SMETC is the largest-scale, highest-profile, and most influential SME activity under APEC. This year's event was themed "Innovation Boosts Development and Cooperation Creates Future." At one of its forums, Northeast Asia SME Innovation Development Forum during the APEC SMETC, the TCS Director of Economic Affairs Ms. QIAO Wen delivered a remark, emphasizing the significance of SME development for innovation and economic growth. The TCS recognizes the urge to empower SMEs among China, Japan and the ROK, and is willing to promote SME cooperation among the three countries.

Overview

Date: June 27-29, 2018
Venue: Shenyang, China
Organizers: Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China (MIIT), People's Government of Liaoning Province (GACC)
Theme: "Innovation Boosts Development and Cooperation Creates Future"

6th Trilateral Business Seminar & Networking Reception (TBNR)

The TBNR aims to provide business leaders of the three countries a platform to connect, communicate and share. As the TCS's annual event, the Reception was launched in 2013 and is held in China, Japan and the ROK on a rotation basis. The TCS organized the 6th TBNR in Tokyo, Japan, on July 3, 2018, under the theme of "Public-Private Networking for CJK Cross-country Startup." The 6th TBNR invited business associations, public sectors, large enterprises and startups who were interested in sharing information on cross-country startup businesses in the three countries.



In Session 1, “Public Sector & Startup,” speakers introduced the national policy for inbound and outbound startup businesses and provided suggestion for further cooperation to stimulate cross-country startups. Young entrepreneurs shared barriers and obstacles to enter other markets in the three countries and suggested opinions on the role of the public sector to promote cross-country business for startups. In Session 2, “Private Sector & Startup,” speakers from large enterprises and startup companies shared their opinions on co-work between large and startup companies. All participants and event sponsor organizations emphasized that the promotion of entrepreneurship should be sustained by establishing a trilateral platform to stimulate cross-country startup cooperation.

Overview

Date: July 3, 2018
Venue: Tokyo, Japan
Organizer: TCS
Sponsors:  Japan Business Federation (KEIDANREN), SME Support Japan (SMRJ)
 Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), SME Business Corporation (SBC)
 China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC)
Theme: “Public-Private Networking for CJK Cross-country Startup”

3. Social and Cultural Affairs

Locus Design Forum Publication Ceremony

The Locus Design Forum Publication Ceremony was held on September 8, 2017. The Locus Design Forum is a traveling exhibition and forum that features works of renowned designers and architects of China, Japan and the ROK, with the theme of ‘book’ and ‘architecture.’ Following the 1st Forum held in Tokyo, Japan, in 2012 and the 2nd Forum held in Seoul, ROK, in 2016, this year’s Publication Ceremony was held to celebrate the publication of the 12 books published as a follow-up of the 1st Forum.

Overview

Date:	September 8, 2017
Venue:	Seoul, ROK
Organizer:	Locus Design Forum
Sponsors:	Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Korean Architects Association
Participants:	60 participants including architects and book designers featured in the book, members of the Locus Design Forum Organizing Committee, and the participants of the International Union of Architects (UIA) 2017 Seoul

2017 Media Cooperation Forum on Belt and Road

The annual media cooperation forum is the largest most influential international media forum hosted by the People’s Daily to boost cooperation between Chinese and foreign media. On September 18-21, 2017, over 460 media executives from China, 126 foreign countries and international organizations attended the forum to explore the theme of “New Cooperation Prospect: Towards a Community of Common Destiny.” The TCS attended the event as an observer.

Overview

Date:	September 18-21, 2017
Venue:	Dunhuang, China
Organizer:	People’s Daily
Participants:	265+ media representatives from 126 countries
Theme:	“New Cooperation Prospect: Towards a Community of Common Destiny”

2017 China (Anyang) International Conference of Chinese Characters

The International Conference was held in Anyang, China, on September 18-22, 2017, co-hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the People's Government of Henan Province and the TCS. The TCS organized Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary Forum in line with the Conference, which brought together around 20 linguistics and experts from the three countries. The participants discussed the compilation work of the dictionary including the final confirmation of 658 vocabulary entries, comparison of explanatory notes and examples, and layout of the dictionary.

Overview

Date:	September 18-22, 2017
Venue:	Anyang, China
Organizers:	TCS, CPAFFC, The People's Government of Henan Province
Participants:	70 diplomatic corps from 25 countries, sinologists, foreign experts, international students, nearly 190 character culture experts, etc.

2017 and 2018 Trilateral Youth Summit (TYS)

The TCS co-hosted the 2017 and 2018 YYS respectively in Changchun and Beijing, China, from September 25 to 30, 2017 and in Seoul, ROK, from August 26 to 31, 2018. The model Summit aims to create a platform through a model Summit for future leaders from the ROK, China and Japan to deepen their understanding of trilateral cooperation in the region and develop new visions and perspectives in diplomacy and international relations. Initiated in 2014, the YYS is an annual student exchange program jointly co-organized by the TCS and the three Ministries of Foreign Affairs of China, Japan and the ROK. The three ministries co-host the program with the TCS on a rotational basis.



Throughout the week-long program, 30 student representatives divided into three mixed-nationality committees discussed ways to facilitate the trilateral cooperation in the areas of environment, economy, and culture. The participating students engaged in a series of extensive preparatory meetings, special lectures, delegation/committee meetings, model Summit, cultural exchange activities. Each committee made joint efforts to construct joint statements, which were released through a press conference held on the last day of the model Summit.

Overview

2017 TYS

Date: September 25-30, 2017
Venue: Changchun and Beijing, China
Organizers: TCS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
Theme: “Towards Economic Integration in Northeast Asia”

2018 TYS

Date: August 26-31, 2018
Venue: Seoul, ROK
Organizers: TCS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK
Agenda:

- Tackling Fine Dust and Air Pollution
- Towards CJK FTA
- Successful Olympic Games in Northeast Asia

13th Trilateral Culture Exchange Forum

Aiming to promote friendship and further upgrade cultural cooperation through sister cities and youth exchange, the 13th Trilateral Culture Exchange Forum was held at Gangneung, ROK from November 1 to 3, 2017. Every year, the forum discusses specific areas of culture exchange including preservation of cultural heritages, promotion of local culture, CJK movie production and cooperation, and CJK fashion and creative industry. The TCS has participated in the Forum as an observer since 2014.

Overview

Date: November 1-3, 2017
Venue: Gangneung, ROK
Organizers:

- 🇨🇳 Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
- 🇯🇵 Foundation for Cultural Heritage and Art Research of Japan
- 🇰🇷 Korea-Japan Cultural Exchange Council

Sponsors: Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK, The Asia Research Fund, The East Asia Foundation (EAF)
Theme: “CJK Olympic Games and Culture Exchanges in Northeast Asia”

International Symposium for East Asia's Colorful Development and Contribution through Trilateral Cooperation

The International Symposium was held on November 4-5, 2017 in Fudan University, Shanghai, China, co-organized by School of International Relations and Public Affairs and Center for China's Relations with Neighboring Countries (CCRNC) of Fudan University. Under the theme of "East Asia's colorful development and contribution through trilateral cooperation," the symposium brought together more than 40 prominent scholars and experts from China, Japan and the ROK. TCS Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei attended the symposium and delivered the congratulatory remarks in addition to serving as a session commentator.

Overview

Date: November 4-5, 2017
Venue: Shanghai, China
Organizer: Fudan University
Theme: "East Asia's Colorful Development and Contribution through Trilateral Cooperation"

2017 CJK Journalist Joint Interview Program

The TCS co-organized the 4th CJK Journalist Joint Interview Program together with the Global Times from November 5 to 18, 2017. This year's theme was "Sustainable Development and New Countryside Construction." During the two-week program, press delegates visited various organizations in China, Japan and the ROK regarding this year's theme, and conducted joint interviews on various issues on trilateral cooperation.

Since 2014, this is the fourth time that TCS co-organized the Program with the Global Times. Aiming to strengthen understanding of CJK journalists on the development of trilateral cooperation, around 10 journalists from three countries is selected to conduct joint interview on a certain topic.

Overview

Date: November 5-18, 2018
Venue: Beijing, China; Tokyo, Japan; Seoul, ROK
Organizers: TCS, Global Times
Participants: 10 journalists from CJK media
Theme: "Sustainable Development and New Countryside Construction"
Visits:

-  State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, Longgezhuang Tomato Farm, Xinfadi Agricultural Wholesale Market, Rural Development Department of Alibaba, New Hope Dairy & Food Co., Ltd
-  Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, Shizuoka Tea Plantation, Fujitsu Akisai Farm, Chiba Plant Factory
-  Nonghyup, Garak Market

7th Trilateral Campus Harmony

Trilateral Campus Harmony is a media-presentation competition program initiated by Korea-China Friendship Association (KCFA) in 2011 to promote positive trilateral relations through gathering creative and innovative ideas from the CJK youth. The TCS has been co-hosting the event with KCFA since 2014.

The 7th Trilateral Campus Harmony was held on November 16, 2017, at Kyung Hee University located in Seoul, ROK. Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei delivered congratulatory remarks at the Opening Ceremony. During the Contest, seven teams presented UCC videos on the topic of “China, Japan, and Korea that We Experience, Desire, and Create” and delivered presentations about the making of the UCC. The TCS served as the judges and awarded the TCS Secretary-General Award to the team ‘China-Japan-Korea Uni-Uni’ which made UCC on “China-Japan-Korea Connected through Traditional Handcraft.”

Overview

Date:	November 16, 2017
Venue:	Seoul, ROK
Organizers:	TCS, KCFA
Sponsors:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK, Chinese and Japanese Embassies in the ROK, Kyong Hee University
Participants:	7 CJK mixed-nationality teams, with 130+ audience
Theme:	“China, Japan, and Korea that We Experience, Desire, and Create”

Beijing & Chongli Forum for Trilateral Media Dialogue

The annual Trilateral Media Dialogue event is organized by the People’s Daily to strengthen media cooperation among media from the three countries. In 2018, with the theme of “the Olympics Highlight Trilateral Cooperation,” the Beijing & Chongli Forum was held from May 17 to 21, 2018, in Beijing. About 110 media representatives, guests-of-honor from the sports community, high-ranking officials from Beijing Organizing Committee for the 2022 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games, and China’s General Administration of Sport attended the forum. TCS Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei participated upon the invitation and delivered congratulatory remarks.



Overview

Date:	May 18, 2018
Venue:	Beijing, China
Organizer:	People's Daily
Participants:	High-ranking officials from Beijing Organizing Committee for 2022 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games, and China's General Administration of Sport
Topics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Olympics and Trilateral Cultural Cooperation ■ Olympics and Improvements on Urban Development and Sports Industry ■ Change and Continuity: New Techs in Sport News

1st Crested Ibis International Forum

TCS, as one of co-organizers, attended Crested Ibis International Forum held in Yang Xian, Shaanxi Province, China, from May 22 to 24, 2018, organized by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the Japan-China Society and Korea-China Association for Cultural Exchange. TCS Secretary-General LEE Jongheon and Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei attended the Forum and each delivered Opening Remarks and Keynote Speech. As side events, cultural performances, trilateral dialogue among city mayors, and bilateral dialogues took place. The three local governments of Hanzhong city of China, Sado city of Japan and Changnyeong-gun of the ROK adopted *Yangxian Declaration* for the future cooperation surrounding crested ibis especially in the fields of agriculture, environment and tourism.

Overview

Date:	May 22-24, 2018
Venue:	Yang Xian, China
Organizers:	TCS, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), The Japan-China Society, Korea-China Association for Cultural Exchange
Participants:	200+ participants including local government officials, experts, figures from friendship associations of the three countries
Theme:	"Bond with Crested Ibis, Co-create Future"





Korea-Japan-China Olympic Road Photo Exhibition and Talk Concert Forum

The TCS hosted Korea-Japan-China Olympic Road Photo Exhibition and Talk Concert Forum and an unveiling ceremony of its new International Conference Hall on June 4, 2018. This project was designed as a follow-up of the 7th Trilateral Summit Meeting held in May 2018, where the Leaders of the three countries highlighted on the meaningfulness of consecutive hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in PyeongChang, Tokyo, and Beijing from 2018 to 2022. At the corridor of Conference Hall, a total of 83 photo frames were exhibited, displaying the competition and cooperation of CJK athletes during the PyeongChang Olympic and Paralympic Games. Also, congratulatory performances by popera duet HUE and acapella team Maytree and a CJK Traditional Tea tasting booth were organized as side events.

The forum gathered high-profile government officials, renowned scholars, journalists and the public thereby attracting more than 130 participants. Especially, Ms. PARK Euna, Public Diplomacy Ambassador of ROK, Mr. NAGAMINE Yasumasa, Japanese Ambassador to ROK, Mr. QIU Guohong, Chinese Ambassador to ROK, Ms. QU Huan, President of Korea-China Association for Cultural Exchange, Mr. KIM Joong-seok, President of Gangwon Domin Ilbo, participated in the opening session and shared the importance of the trilateral cooperation in the field based upon success and memories of 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Games which serve as cornerstones for trilateral cooperation.

In the following talk concert session moderated by Mr. HEO Il-hoo, MBC Sports Announcer, Mr. SHIN Eui Hyun, Korean Paralympic Cross-country National Athlete, Mr. LIM Hyojun, Korean Olympic Short-track National Athlete, Ms. OBINATA Kuniko, Japanese Chef de Mission of Paralympics, and China-ROK international couple, Mr. XU Xiaoming, Chinese Curling National Athlete, and Ms. KIM Jee-seon, Shanghai Youth Curling Association Coach, discussed personal experiences overcoming challenges and obstacles and shared impressive sportsmanship between CJK Olympic & Paralympic athletes. In the panel discussion, CJK Olympic Organizing Committee members exchanged their views on the lessons learned from PyeongChang 2018 and possible ideas to further strengthen trilateral cooperation and sustainable development in the upcoming Tokyo and Beijing Olympics & Paralympics.

Overview

Date:	June 4, 2018
Venue:	TCS International Conference Hall
Organizer:	TCS
Participant:	100+ audience including ROK government officials from Ministries, National Assembly, Gangwon Provincial Office, embassies and culture centers, international organizations, media correspondents, students, etc.
Programs:	Photo exhibition, unveiling ceremony of the TCS International Conference Hall, talk concert and panel discussion, etc.

2018 Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program (TJEP)

The TCS organized the 5th TJEP in China, Japan and ROK (visiting order) from June 13 to 22, 2018. Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei led the delegation of 9 senior journalists from the three countries during the 10-day program. The program for this year was held under the theme of “Trilateral Cooperation in the Next Decade.” The participants took advantage of this opportunity to increase their understanding of trilateral cooperation while having discussions on how to expand trilateral cooperation into higher levels, broader areas, and larger scales.

In China, the first destination, journalists met with Mr. CHEN Hai, the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and attended the regular press conference at Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They also had an opportunity to engage in discussions with experts from the National Institute of International Strategy of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, to participate in a seminar with experts from China Foreign Affairs University and to visit Tencent’s online media group to discuss new media technology. In Japan, the TJEP delegation visited the Japan Institute of International Affairs, an association affiliated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, for a briefing on the current situation and future prospect of cooperation in Northeast Asia in addition to having an interview at the Asahi Shimbun Media Lab. In the ROK, the delegation visited the TCS office and had an interview with the Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon. They paid a visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK and visited SBS. The 2018 Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program concluded on June 22, 2018, with a seminar co-hosted by the TCS and the Korea Press Foundation.



Overview

Date: June 13-22, 2018
Venue: Beijing, China; Tokyo, Japan; Seoul, ROK
Organizer: TCS
Participants: 9 senior journalists from the three countries
Theme: “Trilateral Cooperation in the Next Decade”
Programs: Press interview, joint interview, discussion, seminars, site visits, etc.

2018 Trilateral Youth Diplomatic Camp

The 2018 Trilateral Youth Diplomatic Camp was held in Seoul and Jeonnam, ROK, from July 16 to 20, 2018. Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of ROK, the Trilateral Youth Diplomatic Camp is an annual summer program designed for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean university students residing in the ROK to promote mutual understanding and expand cooperation among the future generation of the three countries. TCS sponsored the Program by promoting, recruiting participants, and hosting the orientation session. Furthermore, Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered a congratulatory remark and a lecture on trilateral cooperation and the TCS.

Overview

Date: July 16-20, 2018
Venue: Seoul and Jeonnam Province, ROK
Organizer: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of ROK
Participants: 90 CJK university students
Programs: ■ Trilateral cooperation idea competition
■ Presentation on trilateral youth exchange experiences
■ Sharing issues related to youth





2018 Young Ambassador Program (YAP)

The 2018 YAP was held in Seoul and Jeju, ROK, from July 30 to August 10, 2018. The YAP is an annual student exchange program organized by the TCS that offers a range of opportunities for promising future leaders of China, Japan and the ROK to enhance understanding of trilateral cooperation and to foster a sense of community and friendship.

This year, the YAP was joined by 20 qualified undergraduate and graduate students from the three countries. The program consisted of lectures on the comparative studies of the three countries as well as trilateral economic cooperation, briefings by each department of the TCS to help enhance participants' understanding of the functions and activities of the TCS, visits to government agencies and international organizations, dialogues with diplomats, youth seminar and team projects.

Overview

Date:	July 30 - August 10, 2018
Venue:	Seoul and Jeju, ROK
Organizer:	TCS
Participants:	20 CJK university students
Main Activities:	Special lectures, visits to ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs, international organizations and foreign missions in the ROK, team-building activities, youth seminar dialogues/discussions, team projects

Trilateral Artist Talk & Exhibition: Past, Present, and Future of Lacquer Art

Trilateral Artist Talk & Exhibition was organized for the first time to enhance the understanding on the history of mutual exchanges and trilateral cooperation in the realm of art. The exhibition began with artist talk between the lacquer artists from China, Japan and the ROK on August 17, 2018, and continued during the following two weeks until the end of the month exhibiting a total of 24 artworks, including 14 paintings and 10 sculptures. Also, participants of the artist talk enjoyed CJK tea ceremony and traditional music performances.

During the period, the exhibition gathered more than 300 visitors from the three countries including government officials, scholars, journalists, and the public.



LEE Jong-hun, <Honeysuckle 2>, 2003



MIZUKAMI Osamu, <Box with hyo-mon "Sound of water">, 2014



YANG Peizhang, <Mr. Qiao Shiguang Award Portrait>, 2009

Specifically, Mr. CHOI Kwangjin, Head of Center for People Diplomacy of ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. ZHANG Zhonghua, Culture Minister of Chinese Embassy in Seoul, and Mr. YAMASAKI Hiroki, Director of Seoul Culture Center of Japan Foundation, participated the opening session and expressed their warmest welcome for the vigorous cultural activities hosted by the TCS and addressed the importance of lacquer art as the shared cultural heritages among the three countries.

In the following session, Mr. LEE Jong-hun, Chairman of Korean People’s Artists Association, Mr. MIZUKAMI Osamu, Professor of Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts (OPUA), and Ms. XIA Yaping, Assistant Chair of the School of Arts and Crafts of the Sichuan Fine Arts Institute (SFAI), made keynote speeches introducing the past, present, and future trends and characteristics of lacquer art in each country. Furthermore, in the artist talk moderated by Mr. SUN Seunghye, Director of Cultural Cooperation of ROK MOFA, Mr. YANG Feizhang, Professor of Tsinghua University, Mr. YANG Lishan, Professor of SFAI, Mr. MIZUKAMI Osamu, Professor of OPUA, Mr. TOMA Shigeru, Professor of OPUA, Mr. SONG Wan-geun, Lecturer of Korea University, and Ms. CHO Hae-ree, Lecturer of Seoul National University, shared their artistic vision and had an opportunities to explain their own artworks.

Overview

- Date:** August 17-31, 2018
- Venue:** TCS International Conference Hall
- Organizer:** TCS
- Participants:** 300+ audience
- Theme:** “Past, Present, and Future of Lacquer Art”
- Programs:** Lacquer artwork exhibition, artist talk concert, tea tasting, etc.





15th China-Japan-ROK Children's Story Exchange Program

The China-Japan-ROK Children's Story Exchange Program 2018 was held in Tokyo and Yamagata in Japan from August 17 to 23. The Program was co-organized by National Institute for Youth Education (NIYE), China National Commission for Wellbeing of Children (CNCCC), Seoul National University of Education (SNUE), and the TCS. The host organizations implemented the program for child participants in grades 4 to 6, while TCS facilitated the implementation of an alumni program.

In 2018, the TCS co-organized the alumni program as a continuation from last year's program. The Children's Story Exchange Program has been implemented since 2002, producing college students who were former participants as a primary school student. Each year, 30 CJK alumni students return to the program to help sustain the community of participants who had early exposure to trilateral cooperation.

Overview

Date:	August 17-23, 2018
Venue:	Tokyo and Yamagata, Japan
Organizers:	TCS, National Institution for Youth Education (NIYE), China National Commission for Well-being of Children (CNCCC), Seoul National University of Education (SNUE)
Participants:	100 children from Japan, China, ROK (33 from each country) and 26 alumni
Theme:	"Flower"
Main Activities:	Story book making (children); discussion on and strategy development for alumni community management (alumni)



TCS X CAMPUS Asia BESETO Alumni Association ‘Regenerate China-Japan-Korea’ Capacity Building Workshop

The TCS in cooperation with CAMPUS Asia BESETO Alumni Association co-organized social entrepreneurship capacity building workshop on August 25, 2018. Approximately 30 young professionals working in governments, consulting and investment firms, and the academia from China, Japan and the ROK participated in the workshop – all who have graduated from CAMPUS Asia Program developed by Peking University School of International Studies (SIS), Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS), and University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy (GrasPP).

‘Regenerate China, Japan, and ROK’ was launched this year for the first time under the initiative of the members of the CAMPUS Asia Alumni Association of BESETO proposed to the TCS. The objective of this proposal was to provide a platform for young Chinese, Japanese and Korean professionals who wish to contribute to Northeast Asian regional cooperation and improvement of Chinese, Japanese and Korean societies through substantial and tangible projects. The initiative was developed out of the alumni’s gratitude for having formerly been the beneficiaries of the CAMPUS Asia program scholarship sponsored by the Ministries of Education in the three countries. The theme this year was entrepreneurship capacity building for creating sustainable cities and communities.

Overview

Date:	August 25, 2018
Venue:	Seoul, ROK
Organizers:	TCS, CAMPUS Asia BESETO Alumni Association
Participants:	30 CAMPUS Asia alumni of Peking University, University of Tokyo and Seoul National University
Theme:	“Social Entrepreneurship Capacity Building”
Main Activities:	Idea competition for social impact projects

4. Interdepartmental Affairs

International Forum for the Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2018

The IFTC is one of the TCS's signature events held annually with an aim of sharing constructive proposals for the trilateral cooperation and of gathering momentum for future-oriented trilateral partnership towards peace and common prosperity in Northeast Asia. It also aims to raise the public's awareness of trilateral cooperation. On April 18, 2018, the TCS organized the IFTC 2018 in Tokyo, Japan, under the main theme of "The Opening of a New Chapter for Trilateral Cooperation – The Past 10 years, the Coming 10 Years."

Ten years had passed since the first independent Trilateral Summit held back in 2008. In light of this significant occasion, IFTC 2018 aimed to look back on the achievement of trilateral cooperation made over the past 10 years and to draw a map which will guide the future course of trilateral cooperation through the decade ahead. The IFTC 2018 brought together high-profile government officials and prominent scholars and attracted more than 300 participants from governments, academia, media, and business sectors. The speakers engaged in constructed discussions and shared their knowledge on trilateral cooperation in the three separate sessions addressing political, economic and socio-cultural affairs.



Visit [IFTC Official Website](#) for further information.

Overview

Date:	April 18, 2018
Venue:	Tokyo, Japan
Participants:	300+ audience including government officials, scholars, business, experts, media and general public
Theme:	"The Opening of a New Chapter for Trilateral Cooperation – The Past 10 years, the Coming 10 Years"



In Session 1 under the theme of “Connecting the Dots: Drawing Collaborative Roadmap towards Regional Peace and Co-prosperity,” speakers and discussants were asked to identify commonalities among the national strategies and policies of the three countries which can help draw up a common strategy or roadmap for regional peace and prosperity for the coming decade. By adapting the connected approach to independent context in each country and identifying the commonalities, the discussion came up with various strategic suggestions for a future direction in the new decade of trilateral cooperation.

Session 2 was themed “Institutionalizing Trilateral Mechanism Fueled by Economic Cooperation” and the panellists presented their analyses on the current status of regional economic cooperation and suggestions towards further integration in East Asia in the face of changes in the global power balance. Given that economic prospects can serve as a tool to promote regional integration while political issues often pose obstacles for its achievement, the presentation and discussion centered on ways to achieve regional integration covering keywords such as CJK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP, formally known as the TPP prior to the withdrawal of the U.S.) and East Asia Economic Community (EAEC). The EU was also introduced as a reference of regional partnership.

In Session 3 on the topic of “Co-creating and Co-sharing: Promoting Future-oriented Trilateral Cultural & People-to-people Exchange,” the discussion of speakers focused on the significance and roles of culture and people-to-people exchange in overcoming the differences between the three countries in terms of histories, political systems and stages of economic development. Examining such cases in other regions as UNESCO Creative Cities Network, European Capitals of Culture, and ERASMUS program as well as CJK’s initiatives regarding the crested ibis and CAMPUS Asia Program, the speakers agreed that ensuring the promotion of mutual understanding and affection among people is crucial for regional cooperation while the policies and framework of politics, economy, and security are important to maintaining the peace and stability of this region.

Just before the 7th Trilateral Summit among Japan, China and the ROK, IFTC 2018 provided a meaningful platform at an appropriate timing and occasion allowing for discussions on the implications and significance of trilateral cooperation in building regional peace and stability in addition to pooling collective knowledge for consolidating and advancing trilateral cooperation with a long-term perspective. The TCS has opened the IFTC official website containing information from previous forums in order to share the outcomes and to make it more accessible to the public.

13th Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity — Reengineering Peace for Asia

Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity is an annual event hosted by the Government of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK. As a regional multilateral dialogue, the Forum serves as a platform for sharing future visions on sustainable peace and prosperity in Asia. The Jeju Forum is comprised of more than 60 sessions, including plenaries and various networking opportunities. The TCS has been participating in the Forum as a session organizer since 2014.

The 2018 Jeju Forum's theme is "Reengineering Peace for Asia" with the objective of exploring new approaches to peace through innovative methods. The TCS organized two sessions on June 28, 2018. The first session was held under the theme of "Shedding New Light on Trilateral Cooperation: Beyond Vision 2020" and invited the Deputy Director-Generals in charge of Northeast Asian affairs at the CJK Foreign Ministries and three CJK scholars. Chaired and moderated by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon, the session addressed the past 20 years of trilateral cooperation in light of the 7th Trilateral Summit. Moreover, the speakers explored the future direction for trilateral cooperation, particularly in terms of establishing peace in the region and further promoting mutual understanding among the people.

Following the first session, the TCS also organized an economic session entitled "Trilateral Economic Cooperation for the Success of Olympic and Paralympic Games." The authors of the Trilateral Economic Report 2017 were invited to look back at the previous Olympic Games held in China, Japan, and the ROK, and to find collaborative efforts between the three countries to successfully host the upcoming Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020 and Beijing in 2020. The session was moderated by Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi who led the discussion on the impacts of the previous Olympic Games as well as on various aspects that the governments, business, and academia of the three countries could cooperate with each other.

Overview

Date: June 28, 2018

Venue: Jeju, ROK

Organizer: Jeju Peace Institute

Theme: "Reengineering Peace for Asia"

TCS Sessions:

- Shedding New Light on Trilateral Cooperation: Beyond Vision 2020
- Trilateral Economic Cooperation for the Success of Olympic and Paralympic Games



III

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

1. 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 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 as EU and APEC in other regions outside East Asia.

Regional Organizations

East Asia Business Council (EABC)

40th & 42nd EABC Working Group Meeting

The TCS participated in the 40th and 42nd EABC Working Group Meetings in Singapore on January 15 and August 29, 2018, to explore areas of mutual interest with a view to enhancing TCS's involvement in APT cooperation. In the 42nd meeting, the Director of Economic Affairs Mr. KO Kwang-Deok introduced TCS's current activities related to the regional connectivity and proposed to conduct a project for the improvement of Supply Chain Connectivity (SCC) in ASEAN+3.



42nd East Asia Business Council (EABC) Working Group Meeting

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 20th Anniversary of ASEAN+3 Cooperation* and *ASEAN+3 Cooperation Work Plan 2018-2022* of the 20th 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 15, 2018 (40 th); August 29, 2018 (42 nd)
Venue:	Singapore
Organizer:	East Asia Business Council (EABC)
Participants:	TCS, ASEAN+3 business associations, ASEAN-China/Japan/Korea Centres, private sectors in ASEAN+3
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ASEAN+3 business cooperation on RCEP■ E-commerce■ Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and investment database

ASEAN-China Centre (ACC)

On February 6, 2018, the 4th TCS Board members visited the ACC in Beijing and met with Amb. YANG Xiuping, Secretary-General of ACC to exchange views on future cooperation between the two parties. Amb. YANG welcomed the TCS delegation and briefly introduced the organizational structure, operational mode and the main achievements of the Centre. TCS Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon expressed his willingness to strengthen the communication with ACC to further enhance mutual learning and explore ways of cooperation under the APT framework to bring more benefits to the people in the region.

ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC)

The new AKC Secretary-General Amb. LEE Hyuk visited the TCS on May 10, 2018, and exchanged views with TCS Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon on regional cooperation in East Asia. The two Secretaries-General underlined the importance of strengthening the links between trilateral cooperation and ASEAN+3 cooperation, as recognized by the Three Leaders on the occasion of the 7th Trilateral Summit a day earlier. They also agreed to continue to explore possible joint projects between the TCS and the AKC.

Delegation of the European Union to the ROK

On May 28, 2018, Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon met with Amb. Michael REITERER, EU Ambassador to the ROK at the new premises of the EU Delegation to the ROK. SG LEE explained to the EU Ambassador about current developments in trilateral cooperation, in particular, the result of the 7th Trilateral Summit held in Tokyo. They exchanged their views on the ways to enhance regional cooperation in Northeast Asia, considering the experience of European integration. They also shared the views that people-to-people exchange is an important area which to attain end goals and that both organizations should continue to cooperate with each other.



The Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)

The CPR delegation visited the TCS and met with the TCS Board members on June 25, 2018. The TCS welcomed the CPR delegation and presented an overview of its functions and projects, with emphasis on the areas with potential for cooperation with the ASEAN, including cultural and youth exchanges and regional connectivity.

The TCS and the CPR delegation exchanged views on the Leaders' agreement at the 7th Trilateral Summit held in May 2018 and on the implications of various initiatives put forward by the three countries such as the New Southern Policy of the ROK and "3+1" Modality. The two sides also discussed some specific ideas for joint projects which aim to promote functional cooperation in the region. The CPR delegation pointed out the need to fortify the TCS's resources and encouraged the TCS and the ASEAN Secretariat to maintain close communication with each other.

10th UNGC China-Japan-Korea Roundtable Conference

The Roundtable Conference has been held since 2009 among the three Local Networks of UNGC and gathers business representatives, academia and the youth to discuss ways to enhance Corporate Social Responsibility and the role of business in accelerating the implementation of SDGs. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Conference, which was themed “SDGs for Business – Challenges or Opportunities?”. The participants shared applicable experiences of relevant sectors on tackling issues related to the aging society and the 4th Industrial Revolution through business solutions.

The TCS actively participated in the preliminary youth meeting as a facilitator through the provision of guidance and comments to the youth delegates. On the event day, Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered congratulatory remarks during the opening session. He emphasized that the efforts to achieve sustainable development can be enhanced by harmonizing existing differences through communication and tapping into the potentials of the three countries.

Overview

Date: August 31, 2018
Venue: Seoul, ROK
Organizers: Global Compact Network (Korea/China/Japan)
Theme: “SDGs for Business: Challenges or Opportunities?”

2. Ministries, Agencies and Foreign Missions

Since one of the major functions of the TCS is to provide support for various inter-governmental consultative mechanisms and to implement projects and activities based on the outcomes of their meetings, the governments of the three countries and their relevant agencies are regarded as important stakeholders of the TCS activities. Accordingly, maintaining close contact and communication with them is the key to providing timely and useful support for the consultative mechanisms as well as to advancing cooperation projects. Recognizing such needs, the TCS Board members pay visits to the relevant ministries and agencies on a regular basis while striving to expand the scope of exchanges and to deepen networks at various levels.

In FY2017, the TCS delegation headed by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon visited China, Japan and the ROK to further develop networks with relevant government bodies and organizations based in each country. During the visit, the TCS delegation extended appreciation for the continued support from its counterparts in carrying out its activities and hoped that it can play more active roles in bringing the trilateral cooperation to a higher level.

ROK

Date: November 2017 - February 2018

Venue: Seoul and Sejong, ROK; Beijing, China

Organizations Visited:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS)
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT)
- Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MCST)
- Ministry of Education (MOE)
- Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW)
- Korea Forestry Service (KFS)
- Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC)
- Korea National Police Agency (KNPA)
- Korea-Japan Economic Association (KJEA)
- Embassy of ROK in China

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK



China

Date: February - March 2018

Venue: Beijing, China; Tokyo, Japan

Organizations Visited:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA)
- Ministry of Transport (MOT)
- Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)
- Ministry of Education (MOE)
- Ministry of Water Resources (MWR)
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism (MCT)
- Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE)
- National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (NHFPC)
- Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
- Embassy of China in Japan



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

Japan

Date: February - March 2018

Venue: Tokyo, Japan; Beijing, China

Organizations Visited:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- Japan Sports Agency
- Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
- Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- Agency for Cultural Affairs
- Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)
- Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW)
- Ministry of Finance
- Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA)
- Japan Patent Office (JPO)
- Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
- Embassy of Japan in China

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



3. Local Governments

In recent years, the world has been growing larger entering into the era of ‘globalization of inter-municipal relations,’ due to the expansion from state-to-state relations to local government-to-local government, civil organizations, and individuals. In this regard, the importance of multilateral exchanges and cooperation rather than one-on-one sister city partnership has been highlighted for local governments. Such increase in multilateral exchanges between local governments has, in turn, contributed to globalization and regional cooperation. In Northeast Asia, China, Japan and the ROK where competition and cooperation coexist, exchanges and cooperation between local governments are becoming more important than ever. The TCS has continued its support for existing mechanisms such as the Trilateral Local Government Exchange Conference and actively involved in relevant cooperative projects to strengthen the trilateral network and seek substantial ways of cooperation between the local governments of the three countries.

Guizhou Province, China

Trilateral Local Governments’ Forum on Three Rural Issues 2017

Trilateral Local Governments’ Forum on Three Rural Issues serves as an effective platform that strengthens trilateral cooperation on developing agricultural industry and communities among the local governments of the three countries which are facing common problems such as aging population and the income inequality between urban and rural areas. The Forum is hosted by Guizhou Province of China and brought together around 400 participants from the local governments, agricultural research institutions and private organizations/ companies.

The 2017 Forum was held in Guiyang, Guizhou Province of China from September 17 to 18, 2017. Under the theme of “Develop Mountain Agriculture and Share Green Benefits,” representatives from the three countries engaged in discussions on preservation and promotion of agricultural heritages, e-commerce cooperation and development, and technological progress and development of agricultural integration. The TCS attended the Forum for the first time, and Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered congratulatory remarks at the opening session and expressed TCS’s hopes that the local governments of the three countries through the Forum further explore opportunities for cooperation in the newly emerging agricultural sector.

Overview

Date: September 17-18, 2017

Venue: Guiyang, China

Organizer: People's Government of Guizhou Province, China

Major Participants:

🇨🇳 Guizhou Province

🇰🇷 Saga Prefecture

🇸🇰 Chungcheongnam-do Province, Sejong City

Theme: "Develop Mountain Agriculture and Share Green Benefits"

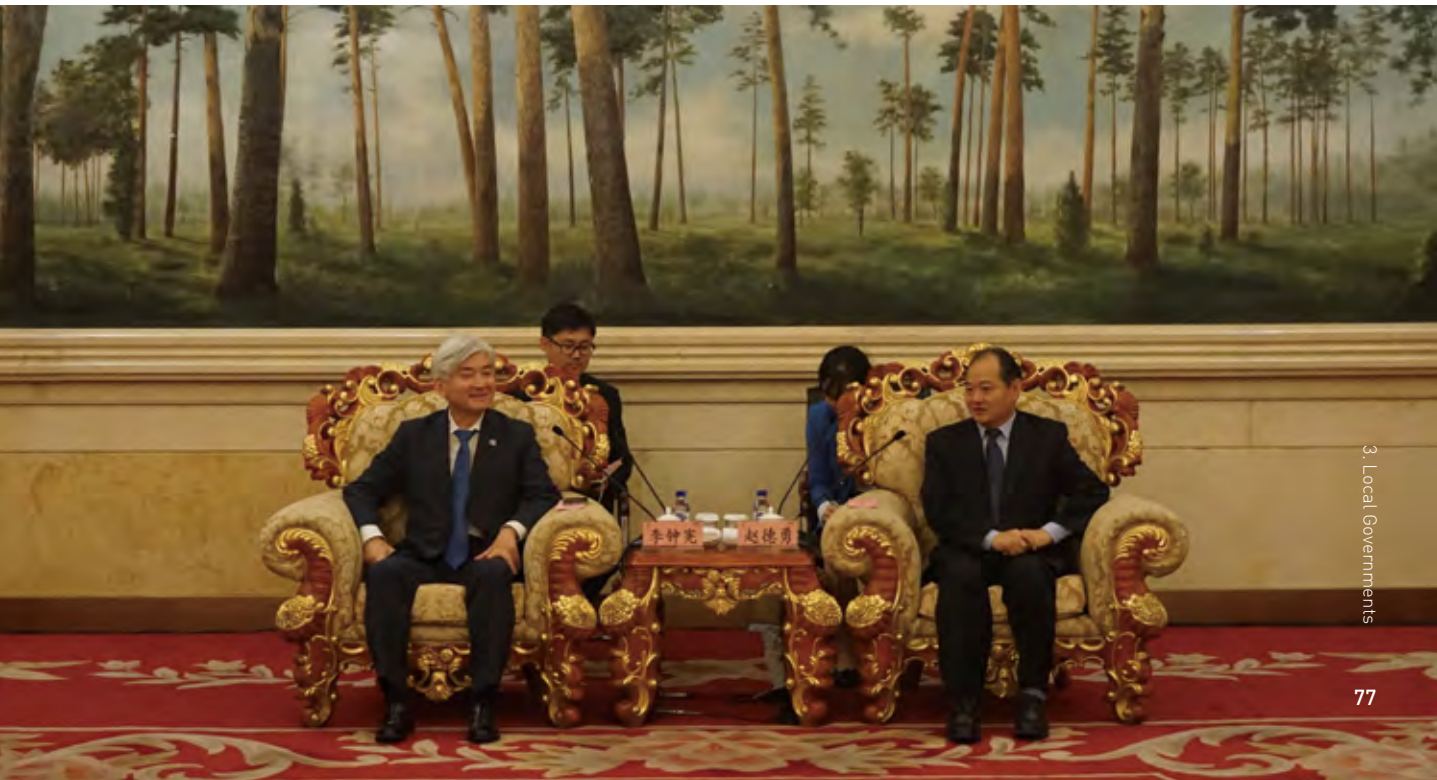
Outcome: Trilateral Local Government Agricultural Cooperation (Guiyang Proposal)

Side Events: Three sub-forums on (i) preservation and promotion of agricultural heritages, (ii) commerce cooperation and development and (iii) technological progress and development of agricultural integration

Jilin Province, China

Upon the invitation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and Jilin Provincial Government, the TCS delegation, headed by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon, visited cities of Changchun, Hunchun, and Yanji in Jilin Province, China from July 9 to 13, 2018. The delegation attended series of meetings and visits hosted by Jilin Provincial Government, Jilin University, and Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture Government to discuss substantial agendas of trilateral cooperation in the field of local government exchange, economic cooperation and people-to-people exchange.

Meeting with Mr. ZHAO Deyong, Vice Governor of Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture





Joint Meeting with Representatives of Jilin Provincial Government

12th Yanji-Tumen River Area International Investment and Trade Fair & Tumen River Region Free Trade Zone Seminar

Upon invitation of the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Deputy Secretary-General YAMAMOTO Yasushi attended the 12th Yanji-Tumen River Area International Investment and Trade Fair, as well as the Tumen River Region Free Trade Zone Seminar in Yanji and Hunchun, respectively. At the seminar, DSG YAMAMOTO stressed the significance of free trade and economic cooperation in Northeast Asia. He encouraged countries in the region to increase exchange and come up with feasible plans for attaining the goal.

Overview

Date:	August 28-31, 2018
Venue:	Yanji and Hunchun, China
Organizers:	Yanbian Prefectural Government, Jilin Provincial Department of Commerce, Jilin Provincial Bureau for Economic Cooperation and Development, Jilin Provincial Council for Promotion of International Trade, and Jilin Provincial Tourism Development Commission
Participants:	Government officials, private sector representatives, scholars
Theme:	“Exploitation, Cooperation, Win-win and Development”

4. Media and Public Relations

The role of media has paramount importance to enhance understanding of trilateral cooperation. To effectively demonstrate the benefits of regional cooperation to citizens of the three countries, the TCS has actively supported relevant trilateral mechanisms, such as the Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum (NATF). Concurrently, the TCS has engaged in fostering a constructive media environment through organizing relevant projects, namely, the Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program (TJEP) and CJK Journalist Joint Interview Program. Upon launching the 4th Consultative Board in FY2017, the TCS paid visits to the major media corporations of the three countries to reflect on the progresses of the NATF and to discuss future areas of cooperation.

* The NATF is an important regional platform bringing the big figures from political, economic, academic and cultural fields together to discuss regional cooperation in all aspects. It started from 2006, jointly organized by the three news organizations of Xinhua News Agency, Nikkei Shimbun, and JoongAng Ilbo.

JoongAng Ilbo

The TCS Board members paid a courtesy visit to Mr. LEE Hong-koo, former Prime Minister of the ROK and Advisor of JoongAng Ilbo, and exchanged views on trilateral cooperation as well as Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum (NATF)* on November 7, 2017. As one of key figures in the NATF, Mr. SAKONG Il, former Minister of Finance of the ROK and Advisor of JoongAng Ilbo, also attended the meeting.

Mr. LEE Hong-koo highly spoke of increasing trilateral economic cooperation in the past 6 years as well as showed concerns on political situation among the three countries. He called for the revival of the trilateral cooperation spirit and efforts toward creating East Asian Community. He attached importance to the role of NATF organized by the media having more flexibility to push forward trilateral cooperation in the field of economy and socio-culture. Mr. SAKONG Il acknowledged significance of TCS's role in the NATF as an observer being able to provide support for its continuity as well as deliver suggestions to governmental bodies for transformation into actual policy and practice. TCS Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon expressed sincere appreciation to Mr. LEE for his continued support for trilateral cooperation as well as the TCS.



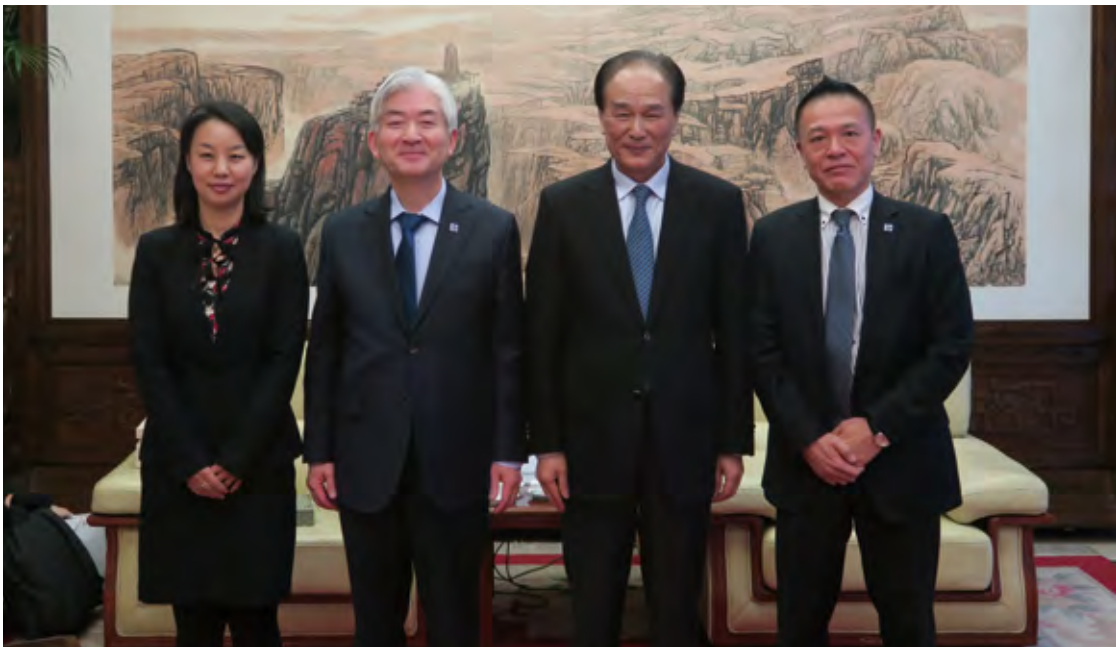
Chosun Ilbo

The TCS Board members paid a courtesy visit to Chosun Ilbo and had a meeting with Mr. BANG Sanghoon, President of Chosun Ilbo on November 8, 2017. Both parties exchanged views on trilateral cooperation and, in particular, the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2018 to be held in Tokyo in April 2018, in which Chosun Ilbo has been participating since 2012 as one of Forum's media partners.

At the meeting, Mr. BANG underlined that the three countries are closely tied to each other as a common entity and hoped that the three countries could improve their relationship and make joint efforts towards peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia. He also expressed his full support for the TCS and its activities by affirming that the TCS played a key role in promoting trilateral cooperation. TCS Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon expressed his sincere appreciation to Mr. BANG's support for facilitating trilateral cooperation as well as TCS's activities especially the IFTC, which TCS's annual flagship event, and expressed his expectations on the active role of media in this regard.

Xinhua News Agency

On February 8, 2018, the TCS Board members met with Mr. CAI Mingzhao, president of Xinhua to exchange views on trilateral cooperation in media field and NATF. Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon acknowledged significance of the role of media in promoting the peace and prosperity in East Asia and expressed his sincere wish that NATF continues to provide the momentum in the growth of trilateral cooperation. Mr. CAI welcomed the TCS delegation and briefly introduced Xinhua's cooperation with Japanese and Korean media and the newly launched Japanese news service, and a possible the Korean news service in the near future. He went on to mention that NATF should play a bigger role in promoting trilateral cooperation and that he looks forward to TCS to provide insight on how to improve it.



People's Daily

The TCS Board members met with vice president of People's Daily Mr. ZHANG Jianxing on February 8, 2018, to exchange views on trilateral cooperation in the media. Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon expressed appreciation for People's Daily's support for reporting on trilateral cooperation and TCS's flagship projects such as IFTC and TJEP. He extended a welcoming invitation to People's Daily to attend the upcoming IFTC. Mr. ZHANG briefly introduced the media cooperation forums hosted by the People's Daily such as the Media Cooperation Forum, Trilateral Commentator's Dialogue and Media Cooperation Forum on Belt and Road. He mentioned that media from China, Japan and the ROK are the most active ones in the world. He spoke highly of the media from the three countries which are capable of objective and fair media coverage. In addition, he added that the Global Times also pays great attention when reporting about trilateral cooperation.

Nikkei Shimbun

On March 14, 2018, the TCS Board members had a courtesy call with the Nikkei Shimbun and discussed the facilitation of trilateral media cooperation and promotion of the TCS with Mr. TAKEOKA Rinji, Executive Board Member of the Nikkei Shimbun. SG LEE expressed sincere gratitude on the Nikkei Shimbun's continuous efforts to promote cooperation between the three countries and contributions accumulated through the Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum (NATF). The two sides agreed to facilitate trilateral cooperation further through various opportunities including NATF and International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC).



5. Academia and Universities

The need for enhancing the role of intellectuals and strengthening exchanges between them is greater than ever as global complexity has given rise to both new opportunities and challenges. The TCS has been leading the effort to have think-tanks, research and educational institutions engaged more closely in the trilateral cooperation. In FY2017, the TCS continued various projects with academic communities to provide pragmatic inputs to the common vision of regional cooperation in Northeast Asia, including a new project involving article contributions by research institutes. At the same time, the TCS paid visits and met with the students and representatives of universities to promote understanding on trilateral cooperation and enhance the partnership among universities and affiliated research institutions.

Hallym University

Special Lecture at the Global Society Contribution Research Institute

Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered a special lecture to the participants of Capacity Improvement and Advancement for Tomorrow (CIAT) at the Global Society Contribution Research Institute of the Hallym University. CIAT is a training-aid program organized by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Hallym University was designated as the implementing institution for 2017. Total 18 public officers from 10 recipient countries participated the program since August 2017 and over 20 people including professors of the Hallym University participated the lecture.

Mr. KIM Choongsoo, the President of the Hallym University (a former Governor of Bank of Korea), expressed sincere gratitude to SG LEE for delivering his special lecture for this international program which carries appreciable meaning in terms of global cooperation and contribution. Also, he shared his experiences related to the trilateral cooperation when he was serving as a Governor of Bank of Korea from 2010 to 2014. Through the special lecture, SG LEE emphasized the importance of continued efforts in understand geopolitical and historical perspectives of neighboring regions based on a future-oriented vision. Also, he explained that the accumulated contributions of Chinese, Japanese, and ROK governments to deepen the cooperation since 1999 has become the cornerstones for regional peace and co-prosperity. Participants expressed keen interests on the economic and educational cooperation between the three countries and actively participated in the Q&A session asking in-depth questions on the history of trilateral relations.

Overview

Date:	October 12, 2017
Venue:	Chuncheon, ROK
Organizer:	Global Society Contribution Research Institute, Hallym University
Participants:	Public officers from 10 recipient countries affiliated to the Capacity Improvement and Advancement for Tomorrow (CIAT) Program
Theme:	“History and Future Vision of Trilateral Cooperation”

Dongseo University

Special Lecture for CAMPUS Asia Students

On December 6, 2017, TCS Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon delivered a special lecture at Dongseo University, Busan, ROK, under the theme “Trilateral Cooperation and the Role of Youth.” The lecture was organized by the Department of East Asian Studies of Dongseo University and participated by around 40 students of the CAMPUS Asia consortium between Dongseo University of the ROK, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies of China and Ritsumeikan University of Japan.

SG LEE briefly introduced the students on the significance of trilateral cooperation as well as the history, functions, and activities of the TCS. He emphasized the geopolitical relations of China, Japan, and the ROK and highlighted recent political developments in Northeast Asia. SG LEE also provided insights on the prospect of trilateral cooperation in comparison to European and ASEAN experience of regional cooperation. He stressed the importance of “thinking globally and acting locally” and encouraged the students to keep asking questions and take actions to advance trilateral cooperation to the next level.

After the lecture, SG LEE also met with the faculty of Dongseo University to discuss the progress of the CAMPUS Asia consortium between Dongseo University, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, and Ritsumeikan University.

Overview

Date:	December 6, 2017
Venue:	Busan, ROK
Organizer:	Department of East Asian Studies, Dongseo University
Participants:	CAMPUS Asia students from Dongseo University, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, and Ritsumeikan University
Theme:	“Trilateral Cooperation and the Role of Youth”

Jilin University

On July 10, 2018, TCS delegation headed by Secretary-General LEE Jong-heon visited Jilin University and met with Mr. YANG Zhenwu, Chairman of the University Council. SG LEE spoke highly of the active role played by Jilin University in the CAMPUS Asia Program, and acknowledged that the Program is a good example of the successful

trilateral cooperation having profound effects. Mr. YANG briefly introduced Jilin University including its history, development, research fields and faculty, mentioning its long tradition of cooperation with Japan and the ROK. He expressed his hope that this visit of the TCS delegation would strengthen the future cooperation between Jilin University and the TCS as well as with Japanese and Korean universities and institutions in the fields of humanity, scientific and technological research.

After the meeting with Chairman, the TCS delegation had a meeting with the faculty of Northeast Asian Studies College to discuss concrete projects and practical agendas between the TCS and Jilin University that enrich its current engagement in the trilateral education cooperation. The CJK+X or 1 cooperation framework proposed by Chinese Premier LI Keqiang at the 7th Trilateral Summit was also drawn into the discussion to explore the possible realization of frameworks.

Shanghai International Studies University (SISU)

International Symposium on Trilateral Cooperation and Peace in Northeast Asia

On July 14, 2018, Deputy Secretary-General HAN Mei attended the International Symposium on Trilateral Cooperation and Peace in Northeast Asia held in Shanghai, China. The symposium was organized by the Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center (TCSC) of Shanghai International Studies University (SISU).

In the opening remarks, DSG HAN introduced the latest progress and TCS's efforts in promoting the trilateral cooperation among China, Japan and the ROK. She noted that continuously deepening trilateral exchange between think-tanks, strengthening mutual understanding, binding wisdom and building consensus will positively advance the trilateral cooperation. DSG HAN also delivered remarks focusing on "Trilateral Cooperation and Regional Stability." She pointed out that only through building consensus at the greatest extent, seeking mutually beneficial cooperation, and making concerted efforts, can China, Japan and the ROK, as the most influential countries in Northeast Asia, make the trilateral cooperation into the lead force of regional economic integration. DSG HAN hoped that the three countries could seize the historical opportunity to further deepen trilateral practical cooperation and cope with regional and international challenges hand-in-hand.

DSG HAN also visited the Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center (TCSC) of Shanghai International Studies University and exchanged views on the ways of fully exerting positive influences on the TCSC with Dr. JIANG Feng, Chairman of the Board of SISU, and Prof. LIAN Degui, Executive Director of the TCSC.

Overview

Date: July 14, 2018
Venue: Shanghai, China
Organizer: TCSC, Shanghai International Studies University (SISU)
Theme: "Trilateral Cooperation and Peace in Northeast Asia"

IV

Generating Databases, Research and Publications

“Evaluate cooperative projects and draft reports on them, compile necessary documents into 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

1 Article Contribution of Research Institutes

In FY2017, the TCS launched a five-month pilot project, ‘Article Contribution of Research Institutes,’ to compile articles contributed by the heads of the relevant think-tanks and research institutes in the three countries. This project aimed to promote a regular exchange of information and ideas about trilateral cooperation with relevant think-tanks and research institutes, and to enhance public access to research outcomes on trilateral cooperation through diversified resources on the TCS website.

The articles consisted of three parts: (i) introduction of the organization, (ii) previous and current research on trilateral cooperation and (iii) views toward the future trilateral cooperation and suggestions for possible role of the TCS. By February 2018, 10 institutes in the three countries contributed to the project and the articles were published on the TCS website in English and CJK languages.



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RENMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA

- Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center (TCSC), Renmin University of China



China Foreign Affairs University

- Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center (TCSC), China Foreign Affairs University



山東大學
SHANDONG UNIVERSITY

- Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center (TCSC), Shandong University



大連外國語大學
Dalian University of Foreign Languages

- Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center (TCSC), Dalian University of Foreign Languages

Japan



KEIO Institute of East Asian Studies

- KEIO Institute of East Asian Studies



アジア総合学術センター
Center for Asian Academic Collaboration

- The Center for Asian Academic Collaboration, Kobe University Institute for Promoting International Partnerships

ROK



ARI Asiatic Research Institute
Korea University

- Asiatic Research Institute (ARI), Korea University



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SNU IAC

- Seoul National University Asia Center



SUNGKYUNKWAN UNIVERSITY SJKU AEA Academy of East Asian Studies

- Academy of East Asian Studies (AEAS), Sungkyunkwan University

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Olympic Economy: Economic Prospects of PyeongChang (2018), Tokyo (2020) and Beijing-Zhangjiakou (2022) Olympics

Olympic Economy is published in Chinese, Japanese and Korean Languages to provide the relevant stakeholders and the public with updates on the macro-economy of China, ROK and Japan, as well as the trilateral economic relations. The book is a translation of a part of *the 2017 Trilateral Economic Report*, an English publication of the TCS. Given the consecutive Olympic games hosted by the three countries, the Trilateral Summit, the Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers' Meeting and the Trilateral Sports Ministers' Meeting emphasized Trilateral Cooperation on Olympic Games. Thus, *Olympic Economy: Economic Prospects of PyeongChang (2018), Tokyo (2020) and Beijing-Zhangjiakou (2022) Olympics* is focused on the macro-economy and Olympic economy of the three countries.



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- [Chinese](#)
- [Japanese](#)
- [Korean](#)

This publication was completed by the principal author Mr. CHEN Jian, the Vice President of China Society of Economic Reform and the Director of Beijing-Zhangjiakou Winter Olympic Games Research Institute. Mr. JOO Won, the Deputy Director of the Economic Research Department of Hyundai Research Institute; Mr. OH Junbeom, the Senior Researcher of the Economic Research Department of Hyundai Research Institute; and Mr. SAITO Jun, the Senior Research Fellow of the Japan Center for Economic Research participated as co-authors.

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Interactive Data Visualization

The TCS launched an interactive data visualization tool on the TCS website to provide better understanding and improved accessibility of trilateral data to the general public. Visitors of the statistics webpage can interactively gain key trilateral data and figures on the trends of economic, social and environmental status and development of the three countries. This interactive tool also expects to establish a foundation to develop statistical projects in the trilateral mechanisms as well as provide a developed statistical pool of various statistical data upon requests of the trilateral consultative mechanisms.



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4 TEMM20 Anniversary Brochure: 20th Anniversary-Tripartite Environmental Cooperation 1999-2018

Tasked and supported by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, and the Ministry of Environment of the ROK, the TCS published the 20th Anniversary-Tripartite Environmental Cooperation 1999-2018 with the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center. The brochure includes overview, footprint, achievements, and future prospects of TEMM. The brochure aims to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the mechanism, improve public's understanding of tripartite environmental cooperation, and collect momentum from all stakeholders for joint endeavors towards a sustainable Northeast Asia and globe. The brochure was published in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and English languages and can be downloaded on TCS website.



See [TCS Official Website](#) for further information.



5 Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary (TCVD)

The TCVD project is initiated by TCS to deepen the mutual understanding and facilitate smooth communication among the three countries as well as promote exchanges and research by experts on Chinese characters and linguistics. The dictionary incorporates 658 common vocabularies which are frequently used and shared among the three countries, and is published all three languages under the cooperation of relevant experts in China, Japan and the ROK.

After one and a half years of continuous effort, the TCVD has been published in August 2018. With the aim to publicize this outcome as a significant milestone for promoting trilateral cooperation, the TCS organized a series of TCVD Publication Ceremony and promotional events in the three countries.

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2 事业、课题。		
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The TCS organized Publication Ceremony of TCVD in the TCS International Conference Hall, Seoul, ROK, on August 16, 2018. High-profile government officials, representatives of media corporations and relevant stakeholders of the three countries attended the ceremony. The ceremony also brought together TCVD Editorial Committee members and provided Trilateral Cooperation Contribution Award to experts who were involved in the compilation work of TCVD. The ceremony was followed by a collaborative performance between calligraphy and Korean traditional music, where the calligrapher composed a poem for the friendship of the three countries.

The TCVD Publication Ceremony was followed by promotional events in China and Japan. On August 25, 2018, the TCS co-organized the TCVD promotional event with the Japan Foundation, Beijing in Beijing, China, bringing together around 50 participants including representatives from Japanese and Korean Embassies, media corporations, and National Museum of Chinese Writing of China. The Event also invited cultural expert, Mr. RONG Hongjun to deliver his interpretation on the similarities and differences of calligraphy and artwork among the three countries. It was followed by a calligraphy workshop, which allowed the participants to experience calligraphy.



In addition, a side event ‘Trilateral Chinese Characters Cultural Exhibition’ co-organized with National Museum of Chinese Writing of China took place with TCVD Special Exhibition introducing the history of Chinese characters and offering woodblock printing experiences.

The promotional event in Kyoto, Japan took place on August 27, 2018, in cooperation with the Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation. The event invited Mr. SATO Koetsu, Professor of Tsukuba University, to deliver an open lecture on TCVD with a focus on similarities and differences, history roots and development of common vocabularies shared among the three countries. The event brought together more than 70 participants from Chinese characters-related institutions, students, scholars, media corporations and visitors of the Kanji Museum.



See [TCVD Official Website](#) for further information.

Overview

TCVD Publication Ceremony

Date:	August 16, 2018
Venue:	Seoul, ROK
Participants:	Government officials, representatives of media corporations and relevant stakeholders from the three countries
Programs:	Trilateral Cooperation Contribution Award Ceremony, collaborative performance between calligraphy and Korean traditional music

TCVD Promotional Events

Date:	August 25, 2018	August 27, 2018
Venue:	Beijing, China	Kyoto, Japan
Organizers:	The Japan Foundation, Beijing	Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation
Programs:	Open lecture, exhibition, woodblock printing experience	Open lecture

6 Expert Consultation Meetings on CJK Joint Research on Mutual Recognition of Degrees

CJK Joint Research on Mutual Recognition of Degrees is a follow-up project initiated at the 2nd Trilateral Education Ministers’ Meeting. The TCS has been designated as the focal point for the implementation of the project and has been closely communicating with Ministries of Education of the three countries to develop the project format and content.

To identify the contents of the Joint Research Project, TCS coordinated a series of expert consultation meetings and consulted professors from CAMPUS Asia universities with experience on implementing dual-degree programs among Chinese, Japanese and Korean higher education institutions. In total, three meetings were held with the participation of the experts as well as representatives from Ministries of Education and higher education quality assurance organizations. The Joint Research Project will officially be launched in the second half of 2018 and an outcome report will be composed by Working Group members composed of two experts each from China, Japan and the ROK.

Overview

Date:	April 27, 2018	June 8, 2018	August 1, 2018
Venue:	Seoul, ROK	Beijing, China	Tokyo, Japan
Organizers:	ROK MOE, KCUE	Peking University School of International Studies	MEXT, NIAD-QE
Participants:	MOE representatives; professors from CAMPUS Asia double-degree programs		
Theme:	“Double Degree, Joint Degree and Other Issues Pertaining to Mutual Recognition of Degrees among China, Japan and the ROK”		

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CJK Olympic Road 2018 Photo Booklet



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The photo booklet is designed to publicize the Korea-Japan-China Olympic Road Photo Exhibition and Talk Concert Forum. Published with support from Gangwon Domin Ilbo, Yonhap News Agency and Xinhua News Agency, the booklet illustrates the enthusiasm and cooperation among the athletes, supporters, and Leaders of ROK, Japan, and China during the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games.



8

Trilateral Artist Talk and Exhibition on Lacquer Art Photo Booklet



See [TCS Official Website](#) for further information.

During the two-week Trilateral Artist Talk & Exhibition held in August 2018, the TCS distributed a photo booklet containing masterpieces from the three countries on display during the event. Photos of 28 lacquer masterpieces comprised of 14 paintings and 14 sculptures were introduced through this booklet. Although all the art pieces were returned to the CJK artists after the two-week exhibition, the booklet continues to work as a medium in demonstrating the similarities and characteristics of lacquer art in each country.



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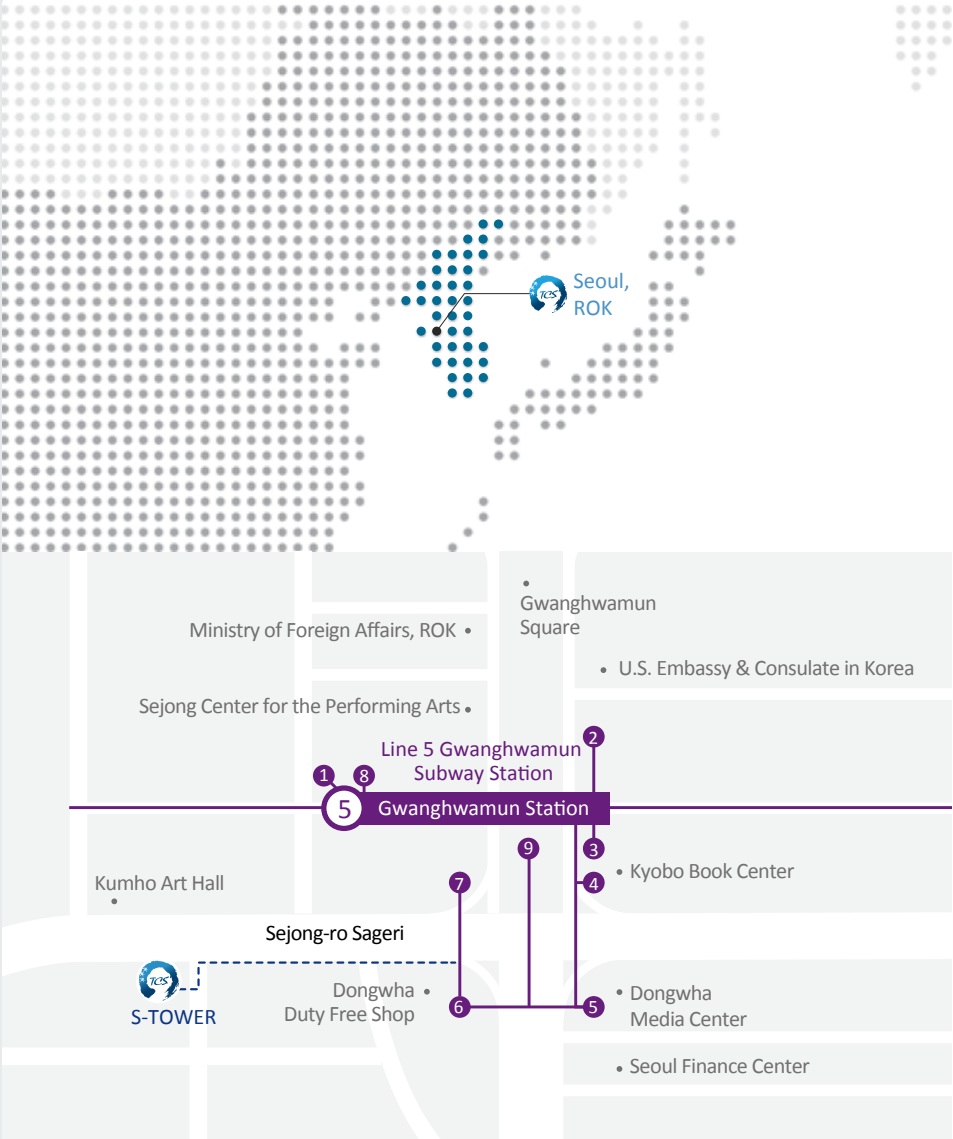
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Acronyms

ACC	ASEAN-China Centre	EAF	The East Asia Foundation
ACD	Asia Cooperation Dialogue	ERASMUS	European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students
AEAS	Academy of East Asian Studies	EU	European Union
AI	Artificial Intelligence	FA	Forestry Agency of Japan
AKC	ASEAN-Korea Centre	FKI	Federation of Korean Industries
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation	FTA	Free Trade Agreement
APEC	APEC Small and Medium Enterprises	FY	Fiscal Year
SMETC	Technology Conference and Fair	GACC	General Administration of Customs of China; People's Government of Liaoning Province
APT	ASEAN Plus Three	GrasPP	Graduate School of Public Policy
ARI	Asiatic Research Institute	GSIIS	Graduate School of International Studies
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	GSS	General Services Staff
ASEM	Asia-Europe Meeting	HEEC	Higher Education Evaluation Center
B&R	Belt and Road	ICT	Information Communications Technology
BESETO	Beijing, Seoul, and Tokyo	IEWS	Institute of East and West Studies
BFA	Boao Forum for Asia	IFTC	International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation
CAICT	China Academy of Information and Communication Technology	IoT	Internet of Things
CAMPUS	Collective Action for Mobility Program of Asia	IP	Intellectual Property
Asia	University Students in Asia	IPR(s)	Intellectual Property Rights
CAO	Cabinet Office of Japan	ITU	International Telecommunication Union
CCEA	Culture City of East Asia	JAP	Joint Action Plan
CCOIC	China Chamber of International Commerce	JAPIT	The Association for the Promotion of International Trade, Japan
CCRNC	Center for China's Relations with Neighboring Countries	JED	Joint Emergency Drill
CDGDC	China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center	JETRO	Japan External Trade Organization
CEEC	Centre for Environmental Education and Communications	JFIR	Japan Forum on International Relations
CFAU	China Foreign Affairs University	JPO	Japan Patent Office
CIAT	Capacity Improvement and Advancement for Tomorrow	KCFA	Korea-China Friendship Association
CICA	Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia	KCUE	Korean Council for University Education
CJK	China-Japan-ROK	KFS	Korea Forestry Service
CNCCC	China National Commission for Wellbeing of Children	KEI	Kyushu Economy International
CNIPA	National Intellectual Property Administration of China, former SIPO	KIEP	Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
CNS	Convention Nuclear Safety	KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office
CPAFFC	Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries	KITA	Korea International Trade Association
CPR	The Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN	KJEA	Korea-Japan Economic Association
CPTPP	Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership	KNDA	Korea National Diplomatic Academy
DG	Director-General	KNPA	Korea National Police Agency
DGM	Directors-General Meeting	KOICA	Korea International Cooperation Agency
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Lao PDR	Lao People's Democratic Republic
DSG(s)	Deputy Secretary-General(s)	MBC	Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation
EABC	East Asia Business Council	MCA	Ministry of Civil Affairs of China
EAEC	East Asia Economic Community	MCST	Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK
		MCT	Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China
		ME	Ministry of Environment of the ROK
		MEE	Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, former MEP

MEP	Ministry of Environmental Protection of China	SBC	SME Business Corporation
METI	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan	SBS	Seoul Broadcasting System
MEXT	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan	SCC	Supply Chain Connectivity
MHLW	Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare of Japan	SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
MIC	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan	SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
MIIT	Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China	SFAI	Sichuan Fine Arts Institute
MLIT	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan	SFDRR	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
MOC	Memorandum of Cooperation	SG	Secretary-General
MOE	Ministry of Education; Ministry of the Environment of Japan	SIPO	State Intellectual Property Office of China
MOF	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK	SIS	School of International Studies
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	SISU	Shanghai International Studies University
MOFCOM	Ministry of Commerce of China	SME(s)	Small and Mid-size Enterprise(s)
MOHW	Ministry of Health and Welfare of the ROK	SMRJ	SME Support Japan
MOIS	Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the ROK	SNUE	Seoul National University of Education
MOLIT	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the ROK	TBNR	Trilateral Business Seminar & Networking Reception
MOT	Ministry of Transport of China	TCF	Trilateral Cooperation Fund
MOTIE	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the ROK	TCMM	Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting
MSIT	Ministry of Science and ICT of the ROK	TCS	Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat
MSMEs	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises	TCSC	Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center
MWR	Ministry of Water Resources of China	TCVD	Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary
NATF	Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum	TEDMM	Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting
NEAL-NET	Northeast Asia Logistics Information Service Network	TEMM	Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting
NFGA	National Forestry and Grassland Administration	TEPCO	Tokyo Electric Power Company
NHFPC	National Health and Family Planning Commission of China	THMM	Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting
NIAD-QE	National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education	TJAP	Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation
NIYE	National institute for Youth Education	TJEP	Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program
NNSA/MEP	National Nuclear Safety Administration, Ministry of Environmental Protection of China	TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
NRA	Nuclear Regulation Authority	TRIPO	Trilateral IP Offices
NSSC	Nuclear Safety and Security Commission	TRM	Top Regulators Meeting
NTCT	Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-Tanks	TYS	Trilateral Youth Summit
OPUA	Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts	UCC	User Created Contents
OSS	Open Source Software	UIA	International Union of Architects
PS	Professional Staff	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership	UNGC	UN Global Compact
ROK	Republic of Korea	US	United States of America
		WCO	World Customs Organization
		WGEP	Working Group on Emergency Preparedness and Response
		WGHRD	Working Group on Human Resources Development
		WGOIS	Working Group on Online Information Sharing
		WHO-WPRO	World Health Organization West Pacific Regional Office
		WLM	Working Level Meeting
		YAP	Young Ambassador Program

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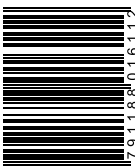
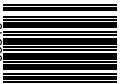
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