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Pursuant to the Agreement on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat signed by the People's Republic of China (China), Japan, and the Republic of Korea (Korea) in December 2010, the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) was established as an international organization in September 2011 in Seoul, Korea. The Annual Report FY2021 contains activities and events engaged by TCS during the 2021 fiscal year (September 2021 – August 2022).
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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Secretary-General of the
Trilateral Cooperation



It is my greatest pleasure to present the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2021 (September 2021 – August 2022).

FY2021 has been a year of great significance for TCS. Once again, we look back on a challenging year with the world undergoing profound changes. COVID-19 remains a global challenge, and economic, financial, food and energy challenges are prevalent. Despite the vicissitudes, TCS has faithfully fulfilled its mandate by providing support to trilateral consultative mechanisms and carrying out vigorous activities and new initiatives. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my gratitude to the governments of the People's Republic of China (China), Japan, and the Republic of Korea (Korea) for their steadfast support to TCS over the past years. Without their support, TCS could not have successfully carried out its missions and objectives. My appreciation also goes to TCS staff members for their unrivaled enthusiasm and commitment. I hope this annual report can be a testimony to their initiatives and achievements.

As TCS ushers in its second decade in FY2021, we are laden with heavy responsibility. How can we more actively and effectively promote trilateral cooperation and maintain regional peace, stability, and common prosperity? How can TCS be further strengthened in its institutional framework and enhance capacity building to better serve the cooperation among the three countries? These are the questions we must address, which in turn will provide answers to the direction that TCS heads for.

Throughout the year, we have established our mission as maintaining "Lasting Peace, Common Prosperity, and Shared Culture" and have committed to fulfilling our mandate of supporting trilateral consultative mechanisms in various fields. Against the backdrop of tightened borders and economic uncertainties, the leaders of the three countries met together online at the 24th ASEAN Plus Three Summit and expressed their commitment to cooperation for post-pandemic recovery through multilateral cooperation. The political will of the leaders caused positive spillovers to various levels of trilateral mechanisms. A series of ministerial meetings were held with the participation of TCS, including the 7th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management, the 21st TRIPO Heads Meeting, the 22nd Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting, the 13th Culture Ministers' Meeting, and the 14th Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting. These meetings reaffirmed the strong will of the three governments to consolidate the momentum of cooperation in various fields.

Aside from supporting governmental mechanisms, TCS continued to develop its signature projects to find new opportunities amid the challenges of the pandemic. The International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2022 was successfully carried out in a hybrid format, inducing participation from more than 1,700 people from 14 countries. TCS also reached out and provided opportunities for exchange among people of the three countries from all walks of life including scholars, businesspeople, students, teachers, and the media. The Young Ambassador Program, Trilateral Symposium on Environmental Education and Public Awareness, the Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum, Expert Meeting on RCEP, and the NTCT National Focal Points Meeting provided valuable platform of cooperation in the fields of political, economic, social, and cultural areas. In particular, the Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program, which brought together the journalists of China, Japan, and Korea to engage in face-to-face exchanges, was the first offline event organized by TCS since the outbreak of the pandemic.

Furthermore, we have tried to overcome unfavorable conditions by creatively launching new projects and initiatives. The first Trilateral Youth Speech Contest was held with around 150 participants and over 200 people in the audience to promote mutual understanding and bridge the communication gap between the three countries. The CJK Virtual Marathon, held amidst lockdown in some areas, was received with avid participation from more than 300 people living in the three countries. These projects showed the willpower of the people of the three countries for exchange and cooperation despite the hardships. TCS also launched the Trilateral Statistics Hub to provide a comprehensive understanding of the development trend of China, Japan, and Korea and to promote the importance of trilateral cooperation by analyzing the integrated statistics of the three countries.

In internal management, TCS underwent a large-scale organizational reform. We expanded the staff levels and established a senior staff level to motivate our members and promote their career development. We also set up four cross-departmental teams — Planning, Public Relations (PR), Statistics, and Youth — to carry out core functions and develop new projects and initiatives for the organization's long-term development. Accordingly, staff members were given new roles and responsibilities as Assistant Directors and cross-departmental Team Leaders.

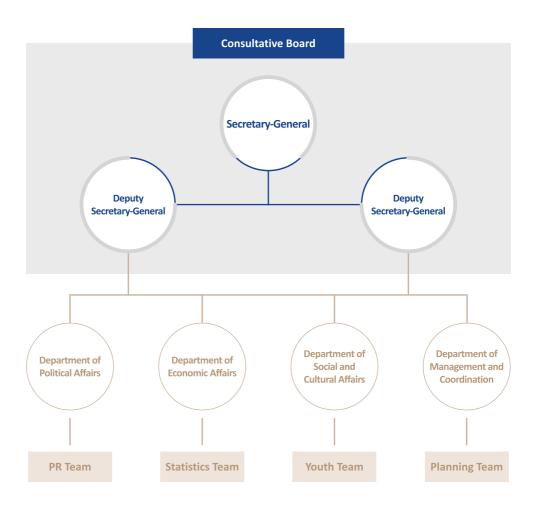
China, Japan, and Korea all belong to the East Asian cultural sphere. Looking back on the past year, we pushed efforts to fulfill our obligation to contribute to promoting cooperation among the three countries. Looking into the future, TCS will always exert itself, bringing new ideas and initiatives to further advance trilateral cooperation. We often say that "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and little drops of water make a mighty ocean." I believe that with the common interest and efforts of the three governments and people from all walks of life, trilateral cooperation will surely usher in a more fruitful decade.



Structure

The Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) is an international organization established with a vision to promote peace, stability, and common prosperity in East Asia. According to the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS signed and ratified by the three governments of the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea, the TCS was officially inaugurated in Seoul in September 2011. Based on the principle of equal contribution, 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 East Asia at large. To solidify the ties among the three countries, the TCS strives to ensure that trilateral cooperation remains dynamic and future-oriented.

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Department of Political Affairs

- Politics
- Security
- Regional Issues
- Nuclear Safety
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Think-Tank Network
- Media
- Public Relations

Department of Economic Affairs

- Economy & Trade
- Transport & Logistics
- Sustainable Development
- Environmental Protection
- Customs & Standards
- Intellectual Property Rights
- ICT
- Science & Technology
- Agriculture & Fishery
- Consumers
- Forestry
- Water Resources
- Statistics

Department of Social and Cultural Affairs

- Culture
- Education
- Sports
- Tourism
- Health & Welfare
- Public Personnel Administration
- Local Government Exchange
- Youth

Department of Management and Coordination

- Human Resources
- Finance & Accounting
- Procurement
- Office Management
- IT Management
- Website & SNS
- Administration
- Legal Support



Strengthening TCS' Advisory Role

■ TCS International Forum for **Trilateral Cooperation 2022**

As an annual flagship event, TCS hosted the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2022 in Seoul, Korea, under the theme of Future-Oriented Trilateral Cooperation: Lasting Peace, Common Prosperity, Shared Culture in an online-offline hybrid format. The Forum brought together eminent scholars and policy makers to share insights on institutionalization of trilateral cooperation, inclusive economic growth, and cultural exchange among China, Japan, and Korea. Prior to the Forum, a publication and project launch event also took place to showcase TCS' efforts to foster trilateral cooperation.

■ An Evolving Trilateral Cooperation: **Reality and Outlook**

An Evolving Trilateral Cooperation: Reality and Outlook is a two-part research report that analyzes the progress towards the goals set forth in the Trilateral Cooperation VISION 2020 adopted at the 3rd Trilateral Summit (May 29, 2010). The first part is a comprehensive review of the achievements of trilateral cooperation in the past decade; the second part features interviews of eminent individuals who shared their experiences with and expectations towards trilateral cooperation.

Expert Meeting on the Regional **Comprehensive Economic Partnership**

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) officially came into force in January 2022 after eight years of negotiations. Taking this opportunity, TCS organized "the Expert Meeting on RCEP: Trilateral Cooperation and Regional Economic Integration in the Post-COVID-19 Era". The Meeting brought together prominent experts from China, Japan, Korea, and beyond to explore possible trilateral cooperation in the framework of the RCEP to maximize its economic effects, as well as to examine ways to further strengthen regional economic cooperation and integration in the post-COVID-19 era.

2021 Forum on Carbon Neutrality Goals of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea

The Forum on Carbon Neutrality Goals of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea was jointly convened by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, Climate Action Team, and TCS. The Forum identified areas for common action, such as strengthening the roles of the three countries in leading global actions and supporting other countries, collaborating on innovation and application for green and low carbon technologies, and cooperating on the elaboration of strategies and sharing best practices on transition and enabling policies.

Trilateral Statistics Hub

Data tells the story and shows the trend. In alignment with the key roles and functions of the organization, TCS launched the Trilateral Statistics Hub, a comprehensive one-stop information center of 600 indicators and 21 mechanisms, for the public to acquire concrete data, to provide a comprehensive understanding on the development trend of China, Japan, and Korea as well as to understand the importance of trilateral cooperation.

■ Trilateral Economic Report 2022

A product of a collaboration among TCS and six prominent think-tanks across China, Japan, and Korea, the Trilateral Economic Report 2011-2020 reviews economic cooperation among the three countries in the past decade and showcases the joint efforts the three countries made at national, regional, and global levels. It also provides insights into the cooperation in the next decade, with a view to spurring the efforts of our region to achieve common prosperity.



Tackling Mutual Perception among the Three Countries

Creation of TCS Public Relations Team

The TCS Public Relations Team, created in January 2022, serves to further increase the visibility of TCS and disseminate the relevance and significance of trilateral cooperation through enhanced publicity among the citizens of three countries.

■ 2022 CJK Virtual Marathon

TCS organized the 1st CJK Virtual Marathon, a marathon event participated by more than 300 citizen runners in China, Japan, and Korea who virtually joined individual 5km, 10km, half marathon, full marathon races and a 9 km team race. This one-month sports event involved a variety of citizens from diverse backgrounds and helped raise the general public's awareness of trilateral cooperation and

TCS. The event promoted better mutual understanding among people of the three countries using various functions on a dedicated website.

■ 1st Trilateral Youth Speech Contest

The 1st Trilateral Youth Speech Contest was held on February 26, 2022, under the theme "Shared Culture, Shared Values, Common Challenges among CJK" with the purpose of generating positive perceptions and acquiring each other's languages for smoother communication. 149 contestants applied either as a CJK Challenger (all CJK languages in one speech) or C.J.K. Specialist (speech in one foreign language). 12 contestants proceeded to the finals where journalists, linguistic experts and TCS directors served as judges to decide the winners.



Engaging Civil Society

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7th Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program

TCS hosted the 7th Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program in ROK from July 31 to August 5, 2022, under the theme of "Solutions Journalism for a Sustainable Future-Building." This is the first offline program TCS hosted since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. 12 reporters, 10 speakers and commentators from China, Japan, and Korea joined the program.

Outreach to CJK Media

In addition to the TJEP and circulating press releases of key programs among the CJK media outlets, TCS deepens its ties with CJK media partners by regularly engaging them in our programs. For instance, TCS invited CJK journalists as judges for the $1^{\rm st}$ Trilateral Youth Speech Contest in

February 2022. Also, prior to the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2022, TCS organized a publications/ projects launch event in a press briefing format for the first time. Furthermore, TCS is enhancing cooperation with the Seoul Foreign Correspondents' Club.

Engaging Academia

Throughout FY2021, TCS paid special attention to the public perception among the three countries' younger generation, thus widely engaging universities in the region through meetings with leadership and lectures to students. This fiscal year, TCS endeavored to establish partnerships with universities in the three countries for internships, joint events, and exchange of information. To engage the broader policy making field, TCS also explored enhanced cooperation with major think tanks in the three countries.



I.

Providing Support for Trilateral Consultative Mechanisms

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

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

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🥸 Summit and Foreign Affairs

Political Affairs

In FY2021, TCS kept close contact with the foreign ministries of the three countries at diverse levels on a series of important political and diplomatic agendas.

24th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) **Summit**

The TCS delegation, headed by SG OU, attended the 24th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit held via video conference on October 27, 2021. TCS observed the APT Leaders' remarks on the review and future direction of APT cooperation and regional and international issues. The Leaders agreed to further strengthen the role of the APT mechanism to drive post-pandemic recovery. They committed to a stronger multilateral cooperation in areas of public health, economic resilience, trade, and finance. On regional and international issues, the leaders in unison emphasized the importance of open, inclusive dialogue amongst all the parties concerned for ensuring peace and stability in East Asia.

The APT cooperation began in December 1997 with the convening of an informal summit between the leaders of ASEAN, China, Japan, and Korea. The APT Summit was institutionalized in 1999 to strengthen and deepen cooperation in East Asia.

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October 27, 2021

Video Conference

Leaders of ASEAN member states and the Plus Three countries (China, Japan, and Korea), ASEAN Secretary-General, TCS Secretary-General, and ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) Director

- · Chairman's Statement of the 24th ASEAN Plus Three Summit
- · APT Leaders' Statement on Cooperation on Mental Health among Adolescents and Young Children







Non-traditional Security

The three neighboring countries work together to better equip themselves against nontraditional security issues such as nuclear safety and disaster management and build capacities of relevant agencies and institutions. TCS supports each of these cooperative mechanisms by carrying out working-level consultative meetings, joint exercises, and seminars for more effective coordination and enhanced regional preparedness.

13th Top Regulators' Meeting on Nuclear Safety

The 13th Top Regulators' Meeting on Nuclear Safety (TRM) was held via video conference from November 30 to December 1, 2021. TCS attended the meeting as an observer. The three regulatory authorities shared progress and updates on nuclear safety in each country and exchanged views on topics of common interest. They committed to continuing trilateral cooperation on nuclear safety under the TRM mechanism.

The annual 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 cooperation.

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Date

November 30 – December 1, 2021

Venue

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

Participants

Nuclear Regulation Authority of Japan, Nuclear Safety and Security Commission of Korea, National Nuclear Safety Administration of China







Disaster Management

Facing more frequent and intense natural disasters, China, Japan, and Korea have been cooperating in disaster management by sharing the latest policies, experiences, and technology in reducing disaster risks.

7th Trilateral **Ministerial Meeting** on Disaster **Management**

TCS participated in the 7th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management held via video conference on July 14, 2022. This meeting has been held biennially since 2009. At the meeting, reconfirming the significance of trilateral cooperation on disaster management, the three ministries introduced key disaster prevention policies and experiences in response to increasingly more frequent and intense natural disasters and adopted the Joint Statement. In the Joint Statement, the three sides decided to actively promote cooperation to (1) ensure steady implementation of the Sendai Framework with its midterm review to be conducted in 2023, (2) strengthen the capacities and measures of each side to respond to various natural disasters, and (3) further promote trilateral cooperation on capacity building on disaster management through CJK education and training institutions. The three sides also appreciated TCS' efforts in promoting trilateral cooperation on disaster management.

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July 24, 2022

Tokyo/Online (Hosted by the Cabinet Office of Japan)

- · Cabinet Office of Japan
- · Ministry of Emergency Management of China
- · Ministry of the Interior and Safety of Korea



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Economic Affairs

Economic Affairs and Sustainable **Development**

In FY2021, albeit the ongoing spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the trilateral cooperation mechanisms in the field of economy and trade maintained steady momentum through online communication and dialogue in promoting economic and technological exchange at local level, intellectual property, and consumer policy among China, Japan, and Korea. In addition to traditional cooperation areas, the three countries also exchanged views on the emerging industries, economic trends and common challenges and opportunities triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change.

19th Yellow Sea **Rim Economic** and Technological Conference

TCS has participated in the Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference as an observer since 2014. In FY2021, the 19th Conference was held under the theme of "Building a New Model of Regional Economic Exchange in the Yellow Sea Rim to Solve Social Problems" and "Promotion of Regional Exchanges" on November 16, 2021, in Kumamoto, Japan. The Conference brought together central and local government officials, business leaders and academics from Japan, Korea, and China to share their insights and present business models and best practices in the fields of infectious disease response, environment/energy, and regional exchanges. TCS Deputy Secretary-General BEK Bum-hym attended the Conference and delivered congratulatory remarks. He called for a stable environment in the region and jointly addressing challenges such as marine pollution.

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The Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference is a trilateral mechanism established in 2001 to promote economic and technological exchanges among local cities of China, Japan, and Korea bordering the Yellow Sea.

November 16, 2021

Kumamoto, Japan/Online

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Kyushu Bureau) of Japan, Kyushu Economy International (KEI), Kyushu Economic Federation, Kumamoto City, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of Korea, Korea-Japan Economy Association, Ministry of Commerce of China, and citizens of the three countries.

"Building a New Model of Regional Economic Exchange in the Yellow Sea Rim to Solve Social Problems" and "Promotion of Regional Exchanges"



21st TRIPO Heads Meeting

TCS has been participating in the TRIPO (Trilateral IP Offices) Heads Meetings since the 14th Meeting in 2014. Since its first participation, TCS has been attending the Meeting as an observer and delivered congratulatory remarks. In FY2021, SG OU extended her appreciation for the three IP Offices' efforts in promoting trilateral cooperation and proposed that TCS can support the promotion of public awareness of IP by leveraging TCS' expertise in research and data compilation, publishing, and public symposium organization.

The TRIPO Heads Meeting has been held annually since its first Meeting in 2001 on a rotational basis among China, Japan, and Korea. The Meeting promotes cooperation in the IP field, such as design, trademark, trial and appeal, and human resources. The Meeting is followed by a user symposium, a public event to promote trends in IP practices to the public in the three countries.

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Date Nov

November 30, 2021

Venue

Online

Participant

Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

Outcome

Record of Discussion of the 21st TRIPO Heads Meeting among KIPO, JPO, and CNIPA



39th Trilateral Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy

TCS has been involved in the Trilateral Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy since the 6th Meeting in 2014. The 9th Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy among Japan, Korea, and China took place in a virtual format on December 6, 2021. SG OU attended the meeting as an observer. At the meeting, participants exchanged information on each country's consumer policy trends and issues in the era of COVID-19 such as e-commerce, misleading representations and Sustainable Development Goals, as well as cross-border enforcement cooperation and consumer dispute resolution. The meeting was followed by an open symposium, where the participants discussed consumer problems in online transactions in the three countries. SG OU delivered congratulatory remarks at the symposium and underlined the growing need to address increased consumer disputes along with the rising trend of cross-border e-commerce transaction and suggested promoting the consumer related cooperation in the framework of RCEP.

The trilateral mechanism on consumer policy among China, Japan, and Korea was established in 2004 and is held on a biennial basis. The mechanism consists of Trilateral Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy where the three countries share policy updates, and a back-to-back open forum/international symposium to discuss effective schemes for consumer protection.

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Date

December 6, 2021

Venue

Online

Participant

Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Government of Japan, Korea Fair Trade Commission (KFTC), Korea Consumer Agency (KCA), State Administration of Market Regulation

(SAMR) of China, China Consumers Association (CCA)

Agenda

- Consumer policy trends and issues in the era of COVID-19 (e.g., E-commerce, Misleading Representations, SDGs)
- 2. Cross-border enforcement cooperation and consumer dispute resolution





Sustainable Development

In the field of sustainable development, China, Japan, and Korea sustained cooperation by implementing joint activities online and made a substantial achievement to address regional and global environmental challenges as well as achieve sustainable development under the framework of the Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM).

Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting 22

TCS has attended the TEMM since 2014 and continues to support the TEMM, especially in raising public awareness in environmental protection. The TCS delegation joined the meeting as an observer in FY2021. The three Ministers exchanged views on the recent progress in environmental policies, global and regional environmental issues, and the eight priority areas of the Tripartite Joint Action Plan (TJAP) 2021-2025. The Meeting concluded with the signing of the *Joint Communiqué*, which contains the common will of the three countries to strengthen cooperation by faithfully implementing the newly adopted TJAP 2021-2025. In the *Joint Communiqué*, the Ministers acknowledged the contribution of TCS in the framework of TEMM and welcomed continuous collaboration under the TJAP 2021-2025. The document highlights the role of TCS as a supporting entity in promoting cooperation under the new action plan.

Prior to the TEMM22, the TCS delegation headed by Director of Economic Affairs YAMAMOTO Masumi participated in the Pre-TEMM23 Working-level Meeting on July 7, 2022. During the meeting, the three parties discussed the TEMM23 arrangement and new TJAP under the eight priority areas agreed at TEMM21 based on the lessons learned from the implementation of TJAP 2021-2025.

The TEMM, owing to a long history since its establishment in 1999 and a plethora of regular associated meetings and events, is one of the most institutionalized mechanisms among the 21 trilateral ministerial mechanisms. TCS has attended the meeting since 2014 and continues to support the mechanism in particular the area of raising awareness of environmental protection and promoting environmental education.

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TEMM22

Date Do

December 7, 2021

Online

Participants

Ministry of Environment of Korea, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, Ministry of the Environment of Japan

Outcome TEMM22 Joint Communiqué, TJAP 2021-2025



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Pre-TEMM23

July 7, 2022

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Online

articipants

Ministry of Environment of Korea, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, Ministry of the Environment of Japan



2021 TEMM-Northwest Pacific Action Plan Joint Workshop on Marine Litter Management TCS attended the 2021 TEMM-Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP)-TEMM Joint Workshop on Marine Litter Management on September 15, 2021. The Workshop is one of the working group meetings in the framework of TEMM. TCS has been attending the Workshop since 2018 to expand its network and explore cooperative projects with relevant stakeholders, including the governments of China, Japan, Korea, and Russia as well as international organizations. In the meeting, TCS introduced its activities in the environment and sustainable development field to exchange ideas on potential projects for marine litter management cooperation.

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Date

September 15, 2021

Venue 0

Online

Participants

NOWPAP Regional Coordinating Unit (Host), Maritime State University Named After Admiral G.I. Nevelskov (Russia), Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Korea, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, UN Environment Program (UNEP), Basel Convention Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), COBSEA Secretariat, Our Sea of Asian Network (OSEAN), Rendu Ocean



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Culture

Social and **Cultural Affairs**

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

TCS has been expanding contributions to the major initiatives of the Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting, including the Culture City of East Asia (CCEA) program and the Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum.

13th Trilateral **Culture Ministers'** Meeting

On August 26, 2022, TCS Deputy Secretary-General SAKATA Natsuko attended the online 13th Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting(TCMM) as an observer. During the meeting, the three ministers agreed to promote cultural exchange in the following six aspects: 1) Practical cooperation among cultural and art sectors, 2) Strengthening cooperation for protecting cultural heritage, 3) Deepening cooperation for the development of cultural industries, 4) Promoting youth exchange and cooperation in various fields, 5) Promoting the merge of culture and tourism, and culture and sports, 6) Branding of the CCEA. The declaration mentions TCS as the following: "The three parties welcome the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat to participate in trilateral cultural exchanges and cooperation and look forward to the secretariat's continuous contributions for the sustainable development of Culture Cities of East Asia."

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

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August 26, 2022

Online (China)

- · Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China
- · Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Korea
- · Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan

Qufu Declaration



Culture City of East Asia -2022 Gyeongju Opening Ceremony

On March 25, 2022, TCS attended the CCEA 2022 Gyeongju Opening Ceremony upon invitation from Gyeongju City. Under the city's theme of "Brilliant Silla Culture Leads to Silk Road," the ceremony was hosted by Gyeongju City and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Korea. Participants from the Consulate-General of Japan in Busan, previous CCEAs, sister-cities of Gyeongju City, and local arts and culture organizations attended. Wenzhou and Jinan Cities of China and Oita Prefecture of Japan delivered remarks through video and participated online. The opening ceremony featured various cultural and art performances by professional musicians and artists, such as taekwondo, traditional dance performances, and digital media art performances.

Since 2014, China, Japan, and Korea have each designated one city as CCEA and have engaged in trilateral cultural exchanges every year following the agreement made at the 4^{th} TCMM in 2012. The three countries select one to two cities representing their country's traditional culture or aiming to promote culture and art. In the selected cities, various cultural events, as well as cultural exchange events, are held. The project aims not only to promote mutual understanding and a sense of solidarity within East Asia but also to enhance the global competitiveness of East Asian cultures.

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Year-round

CCEA 2022 (Wenzhou City and Jinan City of China, Oita Prefecture of Japan and Gyeongju City of Korea)



14th Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum

TCS attended the 14th Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum held online on October 27, 2021, and Director KIM Jieun delivered congratulatory remarks. The forum was hosted by the Department of Industries Development, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China. The 14th Forum consisted of the intergovernmental meeting among the three ministries and relevant agencies, as well as 'the Exchange Conference for Digital Culture Enterprises from China, Korea and Japan' participated by private sector businesses. The three ministries adopted a joint statement agreeing to strengthen exchanges and collaboration between the cultural content industries of the three countries and support international cooperation between private sector businesses.

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Date

October 27, 2021

Venue

Online

Participant

- · Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China
- \cdot Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Korea, industry representatives, other relevant government agencies
- \cdot Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan

Outcome

The Joint Statement of the 14th Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum





Health

Given the geographical proximity and frequent exchanges among the three countries, cooperation on common health challenges at regional level has become essential for improving health security. The trilateral cooperation mechanisms on health serve many purposes, such as sharing relevant knowledge and best practices, developing regional plans for effective prevention and eradication of diseases, and helping to improve the overall health of citizens. In recent years, the three countries' health authorities recognize ageing society and the COVID-19 pandemic as the most pressing public health challenges, and they continue to reaffirm their commitment to cooperate closely together.

TCS has been exploring ways to follow up on the initiatives developed under the framework of the Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting, and to carry out relevant activities. The latest projects include "Webinar on the Response to COVID-19 of the Three Countries", "Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum" addressing business innovation for active ageing societies, and a session on "Trilateral Cooperation for Smart and Inclusive Solutions Towards Age-Friendly Society" at Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity 2022.

14th Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting

The TCS delegation, headed by SG OU, attended the 14th Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (THMM) held online on December 21, 2021. The meeting was chaired by Minister GOTO Shigeyuki of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan. Minister KWON Deok Cheol of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Korea, Vice Minister LI Bin on behalf of Minister MA Xiaowei of the National Health Commission of China, and Dr. KASAI Takeshi, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific attended the Meeting. SG OU delivered opening remarks at the meeting which underlined that the trilateral health cooperation fully demonstrated the value of international cooperation and that working as a community and sharing experience with each other are crucial for better responding and controlling the pandemic. SG OU also introduced the efforts of TCS in following up on the important agenda of the THMM, such as promoting trilateral cooperation on ageing society.

The THMM was inaugurated in 2007 and was held annually except for 2012. Under the framework of THMM, the three countries have developed various initiatives including 1) Trilateral Forum on Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, 2) Trilateral Forum on Symposium on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, and 3) Trilateral Seminar on Population Policy.

I. Providing Support for Trilateral Consultative Mechanisms

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Date December 21, 2021

Venue Online

Participants Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, Ministry of Health and Welfare

of Korea, National Health Commission of China, and WHO Regional Office for the

Western Pacific

Agenda Sharing experience for responding to COVID-19

Healthy ageing and non-communicable diseases

Achieving and strengthening Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

ome Joint Statement of the Fourteenth Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting (THMM), Joint

Action Plan on Preparedness and Response against Infectious Diseases with Pandemic or High Consequence Potential of Common Concern



9th China-Japan-Korea Seminar on Population Policy

TCS attended the 9th China-Japan-Korea Seminar on Population Policy which was held online on December 9, 2021. SG OU delivered remarks at the seminar, in which she particularly highlighted the pressing needs for the three countries to strengthen pragmatic cooperation in coping with the dual challenges of ageing society and low fertility, through the means of information sharing, experience exchange, personnel training, and project cooperation. SG OU also introduced TCS' efforts in promoting trilateral cooperation on ageing society and looked forward to further strengthening communication with relevant organizations in this regard.

The Seminar on Population Policy is a Director-General-level meeting, addressing common challenges of the three countries including an aging society and declining fertility. The seminar was renamed from the "Trilateral Dialogue on Healthy Aging" that lasted from 2010 to 2017.

OVERVIEW

Date

December 9, 2021

Venue

Online

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Cabinet Office of Japan, National Health Commission of China, Ministry of Health and Welfare of Korea, and research institutes of the three countries



Public Personnel Administration

The development and reformation of personnel management systems of the three governments called for an increased need for international cooperation and information exchange. To enhance mutual understanding in the field of public personnel administration, the Trilateral Personnel Policy Network was established in 2005. Through the Memorandum of Cooperation on Public Personnel Administration signed at the first Heads of Personnel Authorities Meeting, the three governments agreed to cooperate in the following areas: planning and implementation of improvement of public personnel administration systems, public policy on human capital management, as well as training and education of civil servants.

Within the framework of the Trilateral Personnel Policy Network, there are various mechanisms to share best practices of public personnel administration and to further institutionalize cooperation in the field, such as the Heads of Personnel Authorities Meeting, Directors-General Meeting of Personnel Authorities, Symposium on Personnel Administration and the Joint Training Program for Young/Middle-level Public Employees. Since its first participation in the Heads of Personnel Authorities Meeting in 2015 (7th Meeting), TCS has supported and explored ways to further promote cooperation in this field.

13th CJK Personnel Policy Network Joint Training Program for Young/Middlelevel Public Employees

The 13th China-Japan-Korea Personnel Policy Network Joint Training Program for Young/ Middle-level Public Employees was held online from January 18 to 19. Hosted by the National Personnel Authority of Japan, staff from the National Civil Service Administration of China and the Ministry of Personnel Management of Korea attended. This is an annual program held since 2007, intended as a platform for the young and middle-level staff from the three countries' personnel administrations to convene and discuss each administration's concerns and challenges. Moreover, it is intended to create an atmosphere of frank communication among the staff of the three governments.

This year's program saw lively discussion between the participants concerning current issues facing their civil service systems. Participants attended online lectures and gave presentations of their own. From TCS, Deputy-Secretary General SAKATA Natsuko delivered remarks. Furthermore, program participants also listened to a lecture from TCS about trilateral cooperation and cultural characteristics of the three countries' public sector.

The program has been held annually on a rotational basis since 2007. The program gathers young/middle-level public employees from the three personnel authorities together to share views on issues related to the public personnel, with a view to deepening their mutual understanding.

OVERVIEW

Date January 18 - 19, 2022 /enue Tokyo, Japan & Online

Young and middle-level public employees of the three countries



Exploring and Facilitating Cooperative Projects

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

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

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Crossdepartmental Projects

International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2022

The International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) is an annual flagship forum of TCS. It aims to create a platform among eminent scholars and policy makers for an in-depth discussion on the political climate, economic cooperation, and socio-cultural ties among China, Japan, and Korea. The inaugural IFTC was held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea and the Sejong Institute in 2011, commemorating the launch of TCS. Since the following year, TCS has been organizing the IFTC as its independent project.

This year's IFTC was held under the theme "Future-Oriented Trilateral Cooperation: Lasting Peace, Common Prosperity, Shared Culture." The event was held in an online-offline hybrid format and consisted of the following three sessions: "Engage to Embrace: Institutionalization of Cooperation as a Key to Human Security and Peace", "A New Chapter: Driving Inclusive Growth for Regional Common Prosperity" and "From the Past to the Future: Embracing Shared Culture towards the Sense of Community". Prominent scholars, diplomats, and other experts from political, economic, and cultural sectors delivered insightful, informative presentations for each session.

Following SG OU's opening remarks, Mr. AIBOSHI Koichi, Ambassador of Japan to Korea, Mr. XING Haiming, Ambassador of China to Korea, and Mr. CHO Hyun-Dong, 1st Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Korea delivered congratulatory remarks at the opening session. For the keynote speech, Mr. HIROSE Katsusada, Governor of Oita Prefecture (Culture City of East Asia 2022), Mr. ZHANG Ping, Former Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee of China, and Mr. KIM Hwang-Sik, Chairman of Ho-Am Foundation and Former Prime Minister of Korea delivered speeches.

Prior to the Forum, TCS also hosted the 'Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat in the New Decade-Publication and Project Launch Event' on June 13, 2022, to showcase its two new publications, *An Evolving Trilateral Cooperation: Reality and Outlook*, and *Trilateral Economic Report 2011-2020*. TCS introduced projects including the newly established Trilateral Statistics Hub and announced plans for the Trilateral Youth Exchange Network (TYEN) to integrate existing and upcoming youth exchange-related projects.

TCS will continue to organize this flagship event to further strengthen strategic discussions and enduring communication platform among China, Japan, and Korea.

OVERVIEW

Date

June 13-14, 2022

Venue

Seoul, Korea / Online

Theme

Future-Oriented Trilateral Cooperation: Lasting Peace, Common Prosperity, Shared

Agenda

- 1. Engage to Embrace: Institutionalization of Cooperation as a Key to Human Security and Peace
- 2. A New Chapter: Driving Inclusive Growth for Regional Common Prosperity
- 3. From the Past to the Future: Embracing Shared Culture towards the Sense of Community



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TCS-organized projects

Political Affairs

7th Trilateral **Journalist Exchange Program**

TCS hosted the 7th Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program (TJEP) in Korea from July 31 to August 5, 2022, under the theme of "Solutions Journalism for a Sustainable Future-Building." For the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, this program convened, in-person, numerous participants from different countries. 12 reporters, 10 speakers and commentators from China, Japan, and Korea joined the program.

Through multiple lectures, reporters acquired knowledge on Solutions Journalism, especially with a focus on "Disaster Risk Management" and "Descending Mutual Perception." By focusing on the response to social problems in an objective way, reporting with evidence and insights to the response, Solutions Journalism intends to increase the circulation of knowledge necessary for the citizens. In addition, through in-depth discussions, reporters became more mindful of mutual perception among the three countries.

The TJEP was initiated by TCS in 2014 to enhance CJK journalists' understanding of the three neighboring countries, and to foster an amicable atmosphere for trilateral media cooperation. It operates in various forms such as workshops, symposiums, field visits and joint interviews around the three countries. Until September 2022, TCS has organized six rounds of the TJEP and a related online symposium. About 100 media practitioners from the three countries have benefited from this program.

OVERVIEW

July 31 – August 5, 2022

Seoul/Incheon, Korea

12 reporters and 10 speakers from the three countries

Solutions Journalism Network, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction





TCS-participated projects

Korea-China-Japan Media **Forum 2021**

The Korea-China-Japan Media Forum 2021 was hosted by Gangwon Province and Gangwon Domin Ilbo, bringing together relevant stakeholders from the Olympic Organizing Committees of China, Japan, and Korea, as well as major local media to explore media cooperation in building an Olympic legacy. SG OU delivered video remarks.

OVERVIEW

November 23, 2021 Korea (online/offline)

reporters from the three countries



Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Forum 2021

The Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Forum 2021 was hosted by the Korea National Diplomatic Academy. This year's theme was "A Peaceful, Safe, and Prosperous Northeast Asia: From Competition to Cooperation." Recalling the launch of trilateral cooperation in the wake of the 1997 Asian financial crisis and its strengthening in the 2008 global financial crisis, SG OU underscored in her remarks that only cooperation could create opportunity amidst crises. Mentioning the profound changes in the region and world, she pointed out whatever difficulties and challenges we might face, being firm in our shared future and concentrating on our common interests would help build a peaceful and cooperative Northeast Asia.

OVERVIEW

Date

October 6-7, 2021

Venue

Seoul, Korea (online/offline)

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Scholars and experts from Korea, China, Japan, Mongolia, the United States, and

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Discussions on "Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation and the Way Forward" and "Disaster Response in Northeast Asia and Regional Cooperation: Nuclear and Radiation Accident Response"

2022 Busan Public Diplomacy Forum

The Busan Public Diplomacy Forum was organized by Busan Metropolitan City and Busan Foundation for International Cooperation, aimed at sharing the best practices of the World Expo among China, Japan, and Korea. SG OU in her remarks commended the Forum for drawing inspirations related to the World Expo from China and Japan, and listening to younger generations' creative ideas during Busan's bidding for 2030 World Expo. She recognized Busan's advantages, and noted that with Busan's attempt to host in 2030, the three countries might mark a World Expo's 'East Asia period' after the 'Olympic period' of when Korea, Japan, and China respectively organized Olympic Games.

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Date

June 30, 2022

Venue

Online & offline (Busan, Korea)

icipants Speakers and Youth



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12th International Symposium on **Northeast Asia** Cooperation

The 12th International Symposium on Northeast Asia Cooperation was held both online and offline at TCS Conference Hall. Supported by TCS and co-organized by the Center for Chinese Studies at Dongseo University, Korea, the Institute of International Relations at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China, and the Center for Contemporary Korean Studies at Keio University, Japan, the symposium gathered 21 scholars and international relations experts from the three countries. SG OU emphasized the significance and value of regular and recurrent academic dialogues among scholars of China, Japan and Korea to cultivate people to people exchange rooted in accurate and fair portrayal of one another. She suggested that even though the challenges and issues faced by the regional actors in Northeast Asia are manifold, such difficulties could rather be perceived as a rationale and motivation for deepened cooperation.

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November 26, 2021

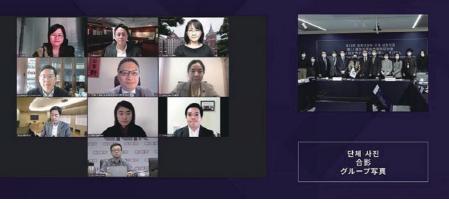
Online & Offline (Hosted by Dongseo University, Korea)

Center for Chinese Studies at Dongseo University (Korea), Institute of International Relations at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (China), Center for

Contemporary Korean Studies at Keio University (Japan)

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TCS-facilitated projects

6th Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-tanks National Focal Points Meeting / 2021 NTCT Conference

TCS attended the 6th Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-Tanks (NTCT) National Focal Points Meeting and the 2021 NTCT Conference, hosted by the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU). SG OU delivered a keynote speech at the Conference and participated in the discussions at the National Focal Points Meeting.

During the Meetings, SG OU responded to the NTCT National Focal Points' expectations for TCS' greater involvement, saying that TCS would leverage its unique policy advisory role and promote people-to-people exchange. She also noted that more difficulties in the region necessitate more cooperation among the three countries. Overall, the participants discussed trilateral economic cooperation in the post COVID-19 era and trilateral security cooperation in the long run.

The three governments officially inaugurated the NTCT on August 3, 2015, following an agreement at the 7th Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting in March 2015. The NTCT provides intellectual support to the three governments and promotes the public's understanding of trilateral cooperation. TCS plays a facilitating role among the three national focal points.

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Date

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December 29, 2021
Online (Hosted by CFAU)

Participants

CFAU, University of International Business and Economics (China), Japan Forum on International Relations, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan), Teikyo University (Japan), Kyorin University (Japan), and Korea National Diplomatic Academy



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TCS-organized projects

Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development

2021 Forum on **Carbon Neutrality** Goals of China, Japan and the **ROK**

In 2020, China, Japan, and Korea respectively announced their commitments to addressing climate change, including their efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050/2060. To reflect on the commitments of the three countries, TCS, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Climate Action Team at the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (EOSG/CAT) co-organized the 1st Forum on Carbon Neutrality Goals of China, Japan, and Korea.

At this year's very first Forum, high-level officials from the three countries, leading experts from national and international organizations participated and shared their expertise. At the opening session, SG OU, Ms. Armida Salsiah ALISJAHBANA, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and Mr. Selwin Charles HART, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Climate Action and Assistant Secretary-General for the Climate Action Team recognized trilateral cooperation as the driving force for regional climate action.

The participants discussed the implications of the COP26 outcome on the national climate actions and identified potential cooperation ideas between the three countries and beyond. The participants also expressed the need to build a new platform on carbon neutrality cooperation between China, Japan, and Korea and to utilize this mechanism to assist other countries in accelerating their energy transition.

The event was followed by an expert dialogue led by ESCAP with the support of EOSG/CAT, to create a platform to share policy practices and explore collaboration on carbon neutrality transition.

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November 29, 2021

Online

443 Online participants (cumulative)

- 1. National Carbon Neutrality Goals and Approaches
- 2. Mobilizing Multilateral and Trilateral Cooperation on Carbon Neutrality
- 3. Net-Zero Transition in Energy Sector
- 4. Enabling Policies and Innovative Approaches



Expert Meeting on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement came into force in January 2022 after eight-year negotiations starting in 2013. Taking this opportunity, TCS organized an "Expert Meeting on RCEP: Trilateral Cooperation and Regional Economic Integration in the Post-COVID-19 Era" in a virtual format on March 29, 2022. The Meeting brought together prominent experts from CJK and beyond to explore possible trilateral cooperation in the framework of RCEP to maximize its economic effects, as well as to examine ways to further strengthen regional economic cooperation and integration in the post-COVID-19 era.

At the meeting, speakers highlighted the significance of accelerating the implementation of the RCEP and further upgrading the Agreement to maximize its economic effects. Participants shared the status of CJK's economic cooperation with Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Myanmar to explore possible joint efforts in economic cooperation with these Southeast Asian countries under the RCEP framework. Apart from that, representatives

of international organizations and multilateral development banks shared their insights and suggestions on ramping up regional cooperation in the fields of finance, infrastructure connectivity and sustainable development to further strengthen regional economic cooperation and integration in the post-COVID-19 era.

TCS will continue to work with relevant stakeholders to strengthen collaboration on furthering regional trade facilitation to deepen regional economic cooperation and integration.

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Date March 29, 2022

enue Online

Theme The Expert Meeting on RCEP: Trilateral Cooperation and Regional Economic

Integration in the Post-Covid-19 Era

Participants Almost 20 experts from China, Japan, Korea and ASEAN countries attended the

Meeting.

enda Session 1: Trilateral Cooperation under the RCEP framework

Session 2: Looking ahead: Strengthening regional economic integration



Trilateral Symposium on Environmental Education and Public Awareness

TCS hosted the "Trilateral Symposium on Environmental Education and Public Awareness" online on August 19, 2022. The symposium is a platform to raise public awareness of trilateral environmental policies and cooperation, and to enhance communications and mutual learning among environmental educators.

The symposium was separated into an open symposium and a closed-door session. In total, over 180 participants from ministries, local governments, elementary and secondary school teachers, environment NGOs and public sectors, research institute and international organizations participated.

The event was organized by TCS under the TEMM framework, especially TJAP 2021-2025 Priority 8: Environmental Education, Public Awareness and Engagement. TCS stands ready to work with stakeholders to keep promoting cooperation, awareness, and actions of environmental protection to the citizens of China, Japan, and Korea.

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Date

August 19, 2022

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Online

Supporting Organizations Center for Environmental Education and Communications of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (CEEC), Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Korea Environmental Preservation Association (KEPA), Tripartite Environmental Education Network (TEEN) focal organizations

Agenda

[Open Symposium]

- Session 1: Environmental Policy Focuses of China, Japan, and Korea against the Backdrop of COVID-19- Session 2: Effective Environmental Education Pedagogies in the Post COVID-19 Era

[Closed-door Session]

- Case Presentations for CJK Environmental Education Best Practices
- Idea Presentations for CJK Environmental Education Collaborative Projects



Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum 2022

The Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum (TEF) is TCS' annual event that provides a platform to connect, communicate and share innovative ideas in business sectors, as well as to promote cross-border business cooperation among China, Japan, and Korea.

This year, TEF 2022 took place in a virtual format on August 30, 2022, under the theme of "Co-creating the Future: Women's Economic Empowerment for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth". Panelists briefed on the status of women's economic participation and opportunity in the three countries and shared experiences and insights on starting up their own businesses and accessing leadership positions in the corporates. Experts also vigorously engaged in the discussion to explore ways to increase gender diversity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields and promote women's active role in digital era amid the pandemic. The Forum was the first-ever TCS event addressing women empowerment by attracting more than 300 members of the public from governmental agencies, business sectors, media and academia from the three countries and beyond.

TCS will continue to host the TEF to promote business exchange among the three countries and offer business solutions to respond to common challenges toward sustainable economic development.

OVERVIEW

August 30, 2022

enue Online

Theme Co-creating the Future: Women's Economic Empowerment for Inclusive and

Sustainable Growth

Supporting

China Chamber of International Commerce, Keidanren of Japan, Federation of Korean Industries, All-China Women's Federation, Gender Equality Bureau Cabinet Office of

Government of Japan, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of Korea

More than 300 members of the public from governmental agencies, business sectors, media and academia from the three countries and beyond



7th China-Japan-Korea Industries EXPO

The China-Japan-Korea Industries EXPO aims to strengthen economic and industrial cooperation among the three countries. TCS has been supporting and participating in the Expo since its inception in 2015.

The 7th China-Japan-Korea Industries EXPO took place on October 26, 2021, in a virtual format with participation of enterprises, local government officials, and business association representatives. Participants had vigorous exchange in the fields of trade and economy, investment, science and technology, and culture through online exhibitions and forums. SG OU delivered opening remarks online and highlighted the opportunities brought by the Industrial Revolution 4.0, Economic Globalization, the recently signed RCEP and the booming digital economy, and expected the three countries to forge a community of common interest, joint responsibility, and a shared future.

OVERVIEW

Date October 26, 2021

Host China Chamber of International Commerce, Japan Association for the Promotion of

International Trade, Korea International Trade Association, and TCS

Venue Online

me New Era, New Pattern, New Opportunity

More than 2000 enterprises and 30 local government representatives of Japan and

Korea, etc. (online)

8th CJK Cooperation Dialogue

The CJK Cooperation Dialogue is an annual 1.5 track trilateral conference co-organized by think tanks of China, Japan, and Korea. Starting from 2014, the Dialogue brings together prominent experts and scholars from the three countries to explore cooperative measures for common issues facing the three countries as well as shared problems of a trans-boundary nature to promote a sense of community in East Asia to foster regional peace and prosperity.

TCS has been attending the Dialogue since 2020. In FY2021, SG OU attended the 8th CJK Cooperation Dialogue online on January 17, 2022, and delivered congratulatory remarks. Under the main theme of "CJK Cooperation in the Post-Pandemic Era", the experts from the three countries discussed collective action for promoting RCEP implementation among CJK, joint efforts on building secure, stable, and green supply chains, and policies/institutions for coping with population aging and low fertility in CJK.

OVERVIEW

ate January 17, 2022

enue Online

CJK Cooperation in the Post-Pandemic Era

Organizers China Institute for Reform and Development, Japan Economic Foundation, East Asia

Foundation of Korea, TCS (Supporter)

articipants More than 30 prominent experts from China, Japan, and Korea





TCS-participated projects

Engagement in Trilateral **Economic** and Business **Exchange**

In FY 2021, TCS engaged in numerous events promoting trilateral economic and business cooperation and exchange in a variety of areas among China, Japan, and Korea. Albeit the restrictions in business exchanges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, economic activities in each country gradually resumed and events promoting business and investment among the three countries also increased with the rise in online-offline hybrid events. Furthermore, along with the RCEP's effectuation in January 2022, several trilateral events targeting the business sector took place to facilitate the implementation of the RCEP Agreement and explore possible trilateral cooperation under the RCEP framework. TCS has actively engaged in and contributed to those trilateral events through congratulatory remarks delivered by TCS board members and strived to expand communication and network with its stakeholders to jointly work for common prosperity in the region.

China-Japan-ROK (Leshan) Economic and Trade Exchange and Cooperation Conference

OVERVIEW

September 5, 2021

Sichuan Provincial Economic Cooperation Bureau, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Sichuan Council, and Leshan People's Government

Leshan, China

300 representatives from CJK governments, business associations, and corporates.

Embracing Openness and Cooperation for Mutual Benefit





Dialogue with Xiangcheng- Seminar on New Opportunities for China-Japan-Korea Economic and Trade Cooperation under the RCEP Framework

Overview Date October 15, 2021 Host Government of Xiangcheng District, Suzhou and China Chamber of International Commerce Venue Beijing, China Participants 150 representatives from governments, diplomatic missions, business associations and corporates of China, Japan, and Korea Agenda Innovation Development for Win-Win Cooperation



China-Japan-ROK Youth Innovation & Entrepreneurship Forum

OVERVIEW

Date December 9, 2021

Host Ministry of Science and Technology of China and the Communist Youth League Central

Committee

Venue Qingdao, China

Participants 150 online and offline participants from China, Japan, and Korea

Agenda Join Hand for Innovation to Future with New Industry and Business Model



2021 Japan-ROK (Qingdao) Imports Online Expo

OVERVIEW

Date December 17, 2021

People's Government of Qingdao Municipality

Venue Qingdao, China

724 enterprises from China, Japan, and Korea (online)

nda Convergence and Linkage, Empower the Future



RCEP Business Leaders Forum

OVERVIEW

Date January 6, 2022

Host China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, People's Government of

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, East Asia Business Council, and Cambodia

Chamber of Commerce

Venue Nanning, China

Participants 150 representatives from governments, enterprises, institutes and international

organizations

Strengthening the Integration of Industrial and Supply Chains, Boosting Regional

Economic Recovery



RCEP Media & Think Tank Roundtable Forum

OVERVIEW

Date

January 23, 2022

Venue

Haikou, China/Online

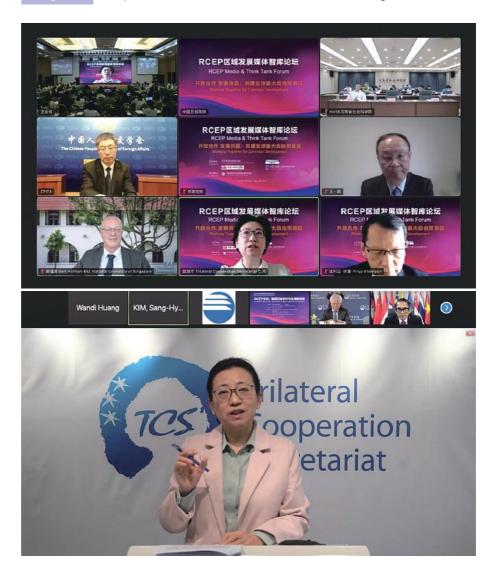
Theme

The RCEP comes into effect: New prospects for regional cooperation and development China Institute of Reform and Development, China Daily, Hainan Institute for Free

Trade Port Studies

Organizers

80 experts from think tank and media inside and outside of the region



9th International Electric Vehicle Expo (IEVE)

OVERVIEW

Date May 5, 2022

Host The 9th International Electric Vehicle Expo Organizing Committee

Venue Jeju, Korea

Participants About 700 electric vehicle manufacturers and related industries (online and offline)

Agenda E-Mobility Opportunity for New Market



2nd RCEP Media and Think Tank Forum

OVERVIEW

Date May 29, 2022

Venue Haikou, China/Online

Theme Working together for common development

Organizers Publicity Department of the CPC Hainan Provincial Committee, China Institute of

Reform and Development, China Daily, Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs

Organizers More than 300 participants from RCEP member states

The 5th China-Japan-Korea Business Conference

OVERVIEW

Date

July 13, 2022

Host

China Chamber of International Commerce and Shaoxing Municipal Government

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Shaoxing, China

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400 representatives from governments, business community

Integration & Improvement, Win-Win Cooperation



Participation in Northeast Asian Regional Cooperation

In FY 2021, TCS continued to explore the opportunities for cooperation in Northeast Asia and TCS consultative board attended a series of conferences and forums to strengthen the importance of trilateral cooperation and pursue larger regional cooperation. The consultative board expressed that consolidating and enriching the trilateral cooperation is crucial to the lasting peace and common prosperity in the region and will inject strong confidence in world stability and economic resilience.

2nd Northeast Asia Regional Cooperation Roundtable

OVERVIEW

Date September 22, 2021

Host People's Government of Jilin Province of China, Chinese People's Association for

Friendship with Foreign Countries, and the Association of North East Asia Regional

Governments

Venue Changchun, China

140 guests of diplomatic envoys, entrepreneurs, and business associations

Connect Marine Markets, Explore Marine Resources, and Jointly Build the Northeast

Asian Marine Economic Cooperation Circle



International Forum on Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia and Revitalization of Northeast China

OVERVIEW

Date September 28, 2021

Host Liaoning Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries,

Northeastern University, and China Institute for Reform and Development

Venue Shenyang, China

Participants 300 participants of ministries and commissions, think tanks, universities and research

nstitutions

Promote Northeast Asia Regional Economic Cooperation



9th Online GTI International Trade & Investment Expo

OVERVIEW

Oate October 14, 2021

Host Gangneung City Government of Korea, Greater Tumen Initiative

Venue Gangneung City, Gangwon-do, Korea

Participants 300 enterprises online and 310 enterprises offline

Gangwon Back on its Feet: Spreading Northeast Asia's Economy and Hallyu to the

World



2022 International Forum on Regional Cooperation of China, Japan and South Korea & The 19th Northeast Asia Management and Economic Joint Conference

OVERVIEW

Date May 27, 2022

ost Beijing Foreign Studies University of China

Venue Online

Participants More than 200 participants of scholars, researchers and students

China, Japan, South Korea and East Asian regional cooperation: the perspective of

regional economic integration



Support for Sustainable Development Processes

The global community has shown great endeavors in recent years in responding to climate change. In FY2021, TCS recognized these concerted efforts and took part in addressing sustainable development in the region. TCS participated in various international events, such as the 78th UNESCAP Commission Session and the Global Youth Climate Challenges to discuss the role of regional cooperation in sustainable development, as well as to promote trilateral cooperation to a wide range of audiences. Through its active participation, TCS reaffirmed to partner organizations its commitment to continue cooperation on sustainable development topics such as climate action, SDGs, and environmental protection.

78th UNESCAP Commission Session

OVERVIEW

Date May 25, 2022

/enue Online

Participants Representatives from ESCAP Member States, Observers to the UN, International

Organizations, UN Agencies and Bodies, and other non-governmental organizations

lain activities Panel Discussion, intervention from Member States

Global Youth Climate Challenges (GYCC) 2022/23

OVERVIEW

Date July 13-16, 2022

Host Carbon Neutrality Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea

Eumseong, Korea (July 13-14), Seoul, Korea (July 15-16)

me Uniting Youth for a Greener Tomorrow

vities Group discussion, Townhall Meeting, Connect with P4G/COP 2023



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TCS-organized projects

Social and **Cultural Affairs**

1st Trilateral Youth **Speech Contest**

The Trilateral Youth Speech Contest was initiated with the purpose of generating positive perceptions among the youth of China, Japan and Korea through sharing ideas for a designated theme related to trilateral cooperation. The contest invites youth from 18~30 years old who have studied CJK languages to give speeches in either of the two categories; CJK Challenger (all CJK languages in one speech) or C.J.K Specialist (speech in one foreign language). Acquiring each other's languages is a form of respect toward other countries and a gateway to view circumstances in their respective contexts.

The 1st Trilateral Youth Speech Contest was organized on February 26, 2022, under the theme "Shared Culture, Shared Values, Common Challenges among China, Japan and Korea" in a hybrid format. 12 contestants were chosen from nearly 150 applicants for the finals, in which media reporters, linguistic professors and TCS directors served as judges. Contestants shared their unique views of various cultural aspects among the three countries, including recycling, ghost culture, food, internet technology, music, the Olympics, and environmental interests. They also presented their proposals for future Trilateral Cooperation including youth exhibitions, construction of airports, and supporting international families. Numerous media covered the event by conducting interviews of the contestants and publicizing the unique proposals made by the youth of CJK.

TCS will develop the project as an annual event and increase its brand value as a unique speech contest conducted in CJK languages.

OVERVIEW

February 26, 2022

Seoul, Korea & Online

12 contestants (4 Chinese, 4 Japanese, 4 Korean)

Speech Contest (CJK Challengers, C.J.K Specialists), Panel Discussion by YAP participants



Young Ambassador Program 2021

The Young Ambassador Program (YAP) is a two-week program that offers a range of opportunities for highly motivated and competent youth of China, Japan, and Korea to enhance understanding of trilateral cooperation and to foster a sense of community and friendship among the future leaders of the three countries. TCS initiated the YAP in 2013 as a summer program that offers unique opportunities for young individuals of the three countries who are passionate about international cooperation and a diplomatic career.

The 2021 YAP was organized online from February 8 to 25, 2022 in Korea, and joined by 24 qualified undergraduate and graduate students from the three countries, consisting of lectures, group discussions, an online tour, and team projects. The lectures served to enhance the participants' understanding of challenges and opportunities for regional cooperation in Northeast Asia. This year's YAP also featured a special lecture by Dr. LEE Bae-Yong, former president of Ewha Womans University, Korea, and current chairperson of the Seowon Foundation, who led the effort to register Seowons as UNESCO world heritage sites. TCS also provided lectures on the functions and activities of the secretariat, and a lecture by SG OU on the future of trilateral cooperation. Throughout the program, participants were divided into teams and were tasked with creating and proposing a potential project for TCS to pursue. The TCS Consultative Board presided over the team project presentations on the final day of the program. Participants also attended an online live tour of Oita, Japan, one of the selected municipalities for the Culture City of East Asia 2022.

TCS will continue to hold the YAP in the future to promote trilateral cooperation and strengthen the friendship among the youth of the three countries.

OVERVIEW

Date February 8 - 25, 2022

Venue Seoul, Korea & Online

Participants 24 undergraduate and graduate students of the three countries

Lectures, visits to international organizations, research and presentation team project, $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

cultural tour, etc.





CAMPUS Asia Career Panel

TCS organized the CAMPUS Asia Career Panel on October 9, 2021, as one of the follow-up events for the CAMPUS Asia program. The event aimed to support students to prepare for life after graduation, learn the skills and experience required in career fields of their interest and attain a sense of confidence, motivation, and inspiration in their ability to grow.

Three panelists and 25 participants from the field of humanities and social sciences joined the event. The panelists all worked in a CJK country different from their nationality, and represented diverse career backgrounds in the private sector, public sector, and academia. The first half was dedicated to a panel discussion where panelists touched upon their interest in East Asia, why they chose their career paths, and specific timelines of how they prepared for post-graduation. In the second half, breakout rooms were formed to enable the audience to have in-depth conversations with the panelists from their field of interest.

TCS will continue to provide content for career development in the upcoming CAMPUS Asia related programs. TCS will expand its outreach to potential speakers and target audience in support of constructing a rich network for the CAMPUS Asia alumni and students.

OVERVIEW

Date

October 9, 2021 Online

Participants

Three panelists, 25 participants

Panel Discussion, breakout sessions

"I learned a lot about China, Japan and Korea...now what?"







CAMPUS ASIA CAREER PANEL

2022 CJK Virtual Marathon

The CJK Virtual Marathon is the first sports event organized by TCS to promote better mutual perception among the people of China, Japan, and Korea by providing a unique platform to actively experience solidarity and cooperation even under the pandemic situation which largely limited offline people-to-people exchange. This virtual format allowed citizens across different generations in China, Japan, and Korea to freely participate in a race of their own choosing wherever they are within a month-long race period. 100 people from each country could choose to run either 5km, 10km, half marathon, or full marathon and an additional 30 people could run the CJK team race (3km/person). The participants shared their self-introduction, running experience, and route recommendations on the bulletin boards of the official marathon website that TCS developed for the event and cheer for one another (CJK Virtual Marathon official website: https://tcs-marathon.com).

The 2022 CJK Virtual Marathon had a total of 324 participants (300 for individual race/ 24 for team race) who were from a variety of backgrounds and witnessed positive effects in their overall feedback about their mutual perception for other marathon participants. The launching ceremony was held on May 19, 2021, in Jamsil Sports Complex Auxiliary Stadium in Seoul, Korea, and received congratulatory remarks from the invited guests: Minister Mr. FANG Kun from the Chinese Embassy, Minister Mr. CHUJO Kazuo from the Japanese Embassy, and Deputy Director-General Ms. SEO Min Jeong from the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. TCS staff, TCS consultative board, and the guests ran the CJK relay race to symbolize sports cooperation and mutual trust.

TCS will continue to hold the CJK Virtual Marathon in the future to promote trilateral cooperation and strengthen the friendship among the people of the three countries, especially those interested in sports.

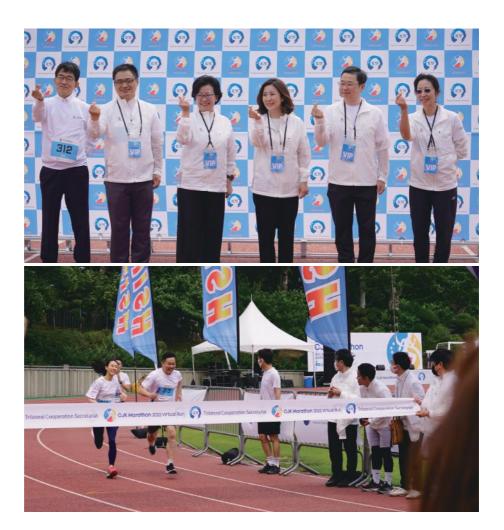
OVERVIEW

Date May 13 to June 12, 2022

Venue Seoul, Korea & Online

Participants 324 marathoners from China, Japan, and Korea

ain Activity Virtual marathon (5km, 10km, half, full and CJK team race) and online exchange





TCS-participated projects

Through active participation in forums hosted by central and local governments, think-tanks and public organizations, TCS widely communicated its key values regarding youth, shared culture, and local exchanges and raised public awareness on trilateral cooperation among various stakeholders.

TCS co-hosted the China-Japan-Korea "Z Generation" Youth Exchange Project with the China Public Diplomacy Association. In the opening remarks, SG OU referred to the profound regional and international changes and emphasized youth and culture as important contents of futureoriented trilateral cooperation. During the event, SG OU also had an exclusive interview with Hubei TV and shared her insights on regional cooperation in Northeast Asia and youth exchanges among the three countries. Similarly, at the 1st Asia-Pacific Young Leaders Forum, Korean CAMPUS Asia University Conference, and 18th Northeast Asia Youth Forum, TCS introduced its roles and efforts in nurturing the leaders of the next generation and supporting the trilateral education cooperation mechanism.

At the Wukong Cup Comic Contest 2020 Awards Ceremony and 2021 China (Anyang) International Conference of Chinese Characters, SG OU and DSG SAKATA respectively delivered video messages and expressed wishes for the youth to deepen mutual understanding through common culture. A long history of trilateral cultural interaction has also been highlighted at local level, and in this relation, SG OU reaffirmed at the 2022 NEAR International Forum of TCS' continued commitment to facilitate local government exchanges.

With its expanded network across different sectors, TCS will continue to promote dialogue and exchanges to garner ideas for future trilateral cooperation.

1st Asia-Pacific Young Leaders Forum

OVERVIEW

November 12, 2021

Jeju, Korea

Korea Foundation

Korea International Cooperation Agency, Japan Center for International Exchange and

Singapore International Foundation



Korean CAMPUS Asia University Conference

OVERVIEW

Date August 30, 2022

Venue Seoul, Korea

Organizer Ministry of Education of Korea, Korean Council for University Education

icipants Staffs and professors from 20 CAMPUS Asia participating consortia



China-Japan-Korea "Z Generation" Youth Exchange Project

OVERVIEW

Date August 23, 2022

Venue Wuhan, China

Organizer TCS, China Public Diplomacy Association (CPDA), Information Office of Hubei Provincial

Government, Hubei TV

pants More than 100 people including youth representatives of the three countries,

government officials, diplomats, and media reporters





18th Northeast Asia Youth Forum

OVERVIEW

Date A

August 17, 2022

Venue

Seoul, Korea

Organizer

Moral Re-Armament Initiative to Change (MRA/IC)

Participant

Minister of Gender Equality and Family, Korean Ambassador for Climate Change, Chinese Ambassador to Korea, Minister of the Japanese Embassy in Korea, other

government representatives



2022 NEAR International Forum

OVERVIEW

Date

April 24, 2022

Venue

Pohang, Korea

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Secretariat of the Association of Northeast Asia Regional Governments

Participants

More than 200 persons and 59 regional governments including international organizations, local government officials, media professionals, scholars, and experts

from China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, and Russia





Wukong Cup Comic Contest 2020

OVERVIEW

December 27, 2021 (Awards Ceremony)

enue Online

Organizer China Foreign Languages Publishing Administration

articipants More than 3,600 comics from the three countries



2021 China (Anyang) International Conference of Chinese Characters

OVERVIEW

October 19, 2021

Venue Anyang, China

Organizer Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the People's

Government of Henan Province

Participants Provincial and municipal leaders, academia, experts, entrepreneurs and students





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

Global and Regional Organizations

MOUs Signed in FY21

TCS and UNFPA Signed a Memorandum of Understanding

TCS and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Asia-Pacific Regional Office signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in February 2022 with the aim to further advance partnerships on the sustainable development agenda, particularly around population aging and low fertility. Both agreed to enhance mutual communication and explore collaboration on common interests in the future.

TCS and AMRO Extended a Memorandum of Understanding

TCS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) in 2019 with the aims to strengthen cooperation and collaboration in matters of common interest, enhance capacity building to better fulfill each's mandates, and substantially co-contribute to regional economic cooperation and stability in the long term.

On April 14, 2022, the MOU was extended to 2025. The heads of the two organizations recognized the overlapping interests and different focuses in the regional economic and financial issues and agreed to strengthen cooperation after the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Global Organizations

To proliferate the impact of trilateral cooperation within and beyond the region, TCS had meetings with key figures of international organizations including **Loretta Hieber GIRARDET**, Chief of the Risk Knowledge Branch United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), WeGO Secretary-General **PARK Jung-Sook**. With Chief GIRARDET of UNDRR, SG OU reiterated the importance of continued cooperation with the UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia (UNDRR ONEA) to disseminate the DRR best practices of the three countries, strengthen regional DRR capacity building, and implement the Sendai Framework in the region and beyond. With the exponential development of technologies and big data, of which Northeast Asia is one of the key centers of development, SG OU and SG PARK of WeGO agreed to create stronger ties and expand their cooperation in the field of smart cities.

- · April 21, 2022: Meeting with Ms. Loretta Hieber GIRARDET, Chief of the Risk Knowledge Branch UNDRR
- · November 12, 2022: Meeting with WeGO Secretary-General PARK Jung-Sook

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Regional Organizations

In FY 2021, "Forum on Carbon Neutrality Goals of China, Japan, and Korea" and "Inter-Regional Dialogue 2021: Application of Cutting Edge Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction in China, Japan, and Korea" are among the tangible results shaped by close partnerships between TCS and the regional offices of UN Organizations, respectively, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the UNDRR ONEA. The partnerships have been reinforced through SG OU's meetings with **Armida ALISJAHBANA**, UNESCAP Executive Secretary, **Ganbold BAASANJAV**, Head of UNESCAP East and Northeast Asia, and **Sanjaya BHATIA**, Head of UNDRR ONEA and Global Education and Training Institute (GETI).

- · November 11, 2021: Ganbold BAASANJAV, Head of UNESCAP East and Northeast Asia
- · April 7, 2022: Armida ALISJAHBANA, UNESCAP Executive Secretary
- · April 20, 2022: Ganbold BAASANJAV, Head of UNESCAP East and Northeast Asia
- · July 21, 2022: Ganbold BAASANJAV, Head of UNESCAP East and Northeast Asia
- \cdot July 21, 2022: Sanjaya BHATIA, Head of UNDRR Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute







Engaging with ASEAN

SG OU had an online meeting with ASEAN Secretary-General **Dato LIM Jock Hoi** on October 8, 2021. They exchanged views on future cooperation between TCS and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) to further enhance the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) cooperation mechanism.

SG OU briefed the progress of trilateral cooperation and suggested bolstering communication between TCS and ASEC. SG LIM congratulated the 6^{th} Consultative Board's assumption of office. He spoke highly of TCS' efforts in promoting trilateral cooperation and echoed SG OU's hopes that the two parties would maintain close communication through various channels to explore and implement cooperative projects of common interest.

TCS prioritizes ASEAN as a key partner in forming East Asian cooperation. To support the three countries' cooperation with ASEAN, former SGs paid annual outreach visits to the ASEAN chair country and the ASEAN Secretariat. In FY21, TCS also paid a visit to the ASEAN Culture House, where the two sides sought further cooperation on people-to-people exchanges.

- · October 8, 2021: Dato LIM Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN
- · May 2, 2022: LEE In-hyuck, Director-General of ASEAN Culture House



Ministries, Lawmakers, and Foreign Missions

Ministries and Public Organizations

As one of the important missions of TCS is to provide support for various inter-governmental consultative mechanisms, TCS has been maintaining close cooperation with relevant ministries at all levels. With a view to facilitating working-level communication between TCS and the ministries, TCS Consultative Board pays courtesy calls on a regular basis to enlist ministries' support for TCS' participation in the relevant meetings and its engagement in follow-up processes. Over the past year, the 6th Consultative Board has paid courtesy calls, mainly to the high-level officials of the relevant ministries in Korea due to the pandemic, including Foreign Minister, Vice Minister for Disaster and Safety Management, Deputy Minister for Culture and Arts Policy, Deputy Minister for Trade, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, Minister for Health and Welfare, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education.

- · November 17, 2021: CHUNG Eui-yong, Foreign Minister of Korea
- · ovember 18, 2021: LEE Seungwoo, Vice Minister for Disaster and Safety Management of Korea
- · November 18, 2021: PARK Tae-young, Deputy Minister for Culture and Arts Policy of Korea
- · November 24, 2021: JEONG Daejin, Deputy Minister for Trade of Korea
- · November 24, 2021: PARK Byunghong, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs of Korea
- · November 24, 2021: KWON Deok Cheol, Minister for Health and Welfare of Korea
- · November 24, 2021: YOO Eun Hae, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education
- · November 24, 2021: SEO Hyung-Soo, Vice Chairman of the Presidential Committee on Ageing Society and Population Policy of Korea















Lawmakers and Statespersons

Throughout FY2021, TCS invested heavily in expanding its network within Korean society through constant outreach. Among the influential individuals TCS met were **H.E. KIM Hwangsik**, Former Prime Minister and Chairman of the Hoam Foundation, **H.E. BAN Ki-moon**, Former UN Secretary-General and Chairman of the Ban Ki-moon Foundation for a Better Future, and **H.E. KIM Sung-hwan**, Former Foreign Minister and Chairman of the East Asia Foundation. The TCS Consultative Board sought wisdom and frank advice from these international affairs experts on how TCS can further improve its relevance and impact on trilateral relations.

- · October 28, 2021: H.E. BAN Ki-moon, Former UN Secretary-General
- · November 2, 2021: H.E. KIM Sung-hwan, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Korea
- · March 24, 2022: H.E. KIM Hwang-sik, Former Prime Minister of Korea









Foreign Missions

TCS, with its office located in Seoul, attaches great importance to keep close consultation and cooperation with relevant missions in Korea, especially the Chinese and Japanese Embassies. In FY 2021, TCS board members paid courtesy visits to **H.E. XING Haiming**, Ambassador of China to Korea and **H.E. AIBOSHI Koichi**, Ambassador of Japan to Korea, to appreciate their continuous support to TCS and introduce TCS' future direction to develop more activities that will consolidate the spirit of trilateral cooperation among the peoples of the three countries. Both ambassadors spoke highly of TCS' achievements and highlighted the firm and substantial support from the two governments.

Retaining frequent dialogues with relevant stakeholders beyond Northeast Asia is also an imperative to better promote public understanding of trilateral cooperation. SG OU met with **H.E. Eric TEO**, Ambassador of Singapore to Korea and **H.E. Alfredo Carlos BASCOU**, Ambassador of Argentina to Korea in FY2021. SG OU shared the latest progress of the trilateral cooperation and the duties of TCS in advancing East Asian regional cooperation.

- · September 29, 2021: H.E. XING Haiming, Ambassador of China to Korea
- · November 8, 2021: H.E. AIBOSHI Koichi, Ambassador of Japan to Korea
- · October 26, 2021: H.E. Eric TEO, Ambassador of Singapore to Korea
- · February 8, 2022: H.E. Alfredo Carlos BASCOU, Ambassador of Argentina to Korea





Local Governments

In recent years, the world has been growing larger entering into the era of 'globalization of intermunicipal relations,' due to the expansion from state-to-state relations to locality-to-locality, civil organizations, and individuals. In this regard, the importance of multilateral exchanges and cooperation has increased for local governments. Such an increase in multilateral exchanges between local governments has, in turn, contributed to globalization and regional cooperation. In Northeast Asia, where competition and cooperation coexist, exchanges and cooperation between local governments are becoming more important than ever. 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.

In FY 2021, TCS Secretary-General OU Boqian led the TCS delegation to visit local governments of Korea and met with **Mr. CHO Bong-up**, Vice Governor for Administrative Affairs of Jeollabukdo, **Mr. KWON Young-jin**, Mayor of Daegu Metropolitan City Government, **Mr. KO Young-kwon**, Vice Governor of Political Affairs of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, and **H.E. JANG Jehak**, Ambassador for International Relations of the Incheon Metropolitan City. At each meeting, SG OU introduced TCS' history of development and aims for the next decade, highlighting major projects to be held in FY 2021 which are to provide substantial support for the three governments. Each city representatives appreciated the efforts made by TCS for supporting local government exchange and cooperation. They introduced their policies and major industries they aim to further develop. TCS shared the consensus with them that the exchanges at the local government level is crucial for promoting people-to-people exchange among China, Japan, and Korea, as well as for developing the cities in various aspects, and agreed to further explore the areas and scope of future cooperation.

- $\cdot \, \text{December 7, 2021: Mr. CHO Bong-up, Vice Governor for Administrative Affairs of Jeollabuk-do} \\$
- · April 30, 2022: Mr. KWON Young-jin, Mayor of Daegu Metropolitan City Government.
- · May 4, 2022: Mr. KO Young-kwon, Vice Governor of Political Affairs of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
- · July 21, 2022: H.E. JANG Jehak, Ambassador for International Relations of the Incheon Metropolitan City









Public /Business Organizations

Meeting with Mr. CHOI -Am, President of sponsors, Child Fund Korea SG OU and President **CHOI Bool-Am** of Child Fund Korea met to discuss a potential television program related to the gastronomic cultures of the three countries. President CHOI noted that the program should highlight a fundamental component of culture in a comparative, humane approach, a shift in the dialogue surrounding China, Japan, and Korea.





Meeting with Mr. CHUNG Jongpil, Secretary-General of the Busan Foundation for International Cooperation SG OU paid a visit to the Busan Foundation for International Cooperation (BFIC). Taking note of the BFIC's efforts to promote public diplomacy and enhance mutual understanding among local and foreign residents in Busan, SG OU expressed a keen interest in working closely with BFIC to foster a spirit of *Lasting Peace*, *Common Prosperity, and Shared Culture* in the region. BFIC SG **CHUNG Jongpil** also expressed his gratitude for SG OU's keynote address at the 2021 Busan Public Diplomacy Forum and invited TCS for future iterations. He also requested TCS' assistance with the 2030 World Expo and the upcoming World Peace Forum.



Meeting with Mr. SHIN Seung Kwan, Vice Executive President of Korea International Trade Association SG OU paid a visit to Vice Executive President of Korea International Trade Association (KITA), Mr. **SHIN Seung Kwan**, to formally extend an invitation to Vice Executive President SHIN to attend the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2022.

SG OU underlined past cooperation history between TCS and KITA and explained the roles and functions of TCS in trilateral cooperation. Vice Executive President SHIN expressed his gratitude to SG OU for visiting KITA and for the invitation to IFTC. Vice Executive President SHIN spoke highly of TCS' endeavor to strengthen trilateral ties in difficult times and expressed his interest to learn more about trilateral cooperation in the future.

The meeting concluded with both organizations reassuring their commitment to further cooperation in the near future.



Meeting with President LEE Geun of the Korea Foundation

SG OU paid a visit to Korea Foundation (KF) and had a meeting with President **LEE Geun** to explore the opportunities to collaborate on potential projects concerning academia and thinktanks, as well as youth exchange.

SG OU shared TCS' plan to initiate a high-level think-tank forum which would serve as a platform to promote trilateral academic cooperation and to provide policy proposals for high-level governmental mechanisms. She also briefed President LEE on TCS' efforts to organize sessions at the Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity, and to integrate its existing youth programs with a view to expanding the network among future generation. SG OU sought KF's support and advice.



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Universities

Academia and Universities

Throughout FY2021, TCS paid special attention to the public perception among the three countries' younger generations. Aiming to raise awareness of shared culture and the achievements of trilateral cooperation among the three countries, TCS widely engaged universities and students of the three countries by giving lectures, organizing information sessions and discussing cooperation memorandum.

TCS on various occasions networked widely with universities of the three countries. The first round of lectures were given by SG to China Foreign Affairs University, Sophia University (Japan), and Dongseo University (Korea). Joined by hundreds of students, she provided a brief on trilateral cooperation, highlighting that the future of Northeast Asia lies in the hands of the youth, and encouraging younger generations to keep an eye on trilateral cooperation for opportunities.

TCS has also been pushing to establish partnerships with universities in the three countries for internships, joint events, and exchange of information. TCS arranged various meetings with the presidents, chancellors, and deans of Korean universities including Daegu Haany University, Daegu Health College, Dongseo University, Busan University of Foreign Studies, Jeju University and Incheon National University. TCS office also received students and scholars' visits from Sungkyunkwan University (Korea) and the National University of Singapore.

- · December 14, 2021: Lecture to students from Sungkyunkwan University (Korea)
- · April 29, 2022: Meeting with BYUN Jung Hwan, Honorary President of Daegu Haany University (Korea)
- · April 30, 2022: Meeting with NAM Sung Hee, President of Daegu Health College (Korea)
- · May 2, 2022: Lecture to 60 CJK undergraduate students mainly participating in the CAMPUS Asia project in Dongseo University (Korea)
- · May 3, 2022: Meeting with KIM Hong Koo, President of Busan University of Foreign Studies (Korea)
- · May 6, 2022: Meeting with KIM Eel-hwan, President of Jeju University (Korea)
- · June 3, 2022: Lecture to 70 students primarily from Sophia University (Japan)
- · June 22, 2022: Lecture to 200 students, scholars and experts from China Foreign Affairs University (China)
- · Jul 20, 2022: Meeting with LAM Peng Er, Director of Centre for Korea Studies, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
- · July 22, 2022: Meeting with PARK Jong-tae, President of the Incheon National University (Korea)







Think Tanks

Meeting with the Jeju Peace Institute

On May 4, 2022, SG OU visited the Jeju Peace Institute (JPI) and met with President Dr. **HAN In-Taek** to discuss TCS' participation in this year's Jeju Forum and explore ways to further enhance cooperation between the two organizations. TCS is one of the longest participating organizations in the Jeju Forum. The two agreed to continue to expand the scope of cooperation by mutually utilizing TCS' institutionalization capacity and the JPI's extensive network with experts.





Compiling Databases, Conducting 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

Publications

2020 & 2021 Progress Report

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The *Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation* is an annual report recording the progress of trilateral cooperation each year. Under the approval of the relevant ministries of the three countries, the report summarizes the main events held that year, including the Trilateral Summit, ministerial meetings, and working-level governmental meetings among the three countries.

Found in the 2020 and 2021 Progress Reports are the key achievements of trilateral cooperation in politics and security, economy, sustainable development and environment, and sociocultural exchanges.

Available in English.



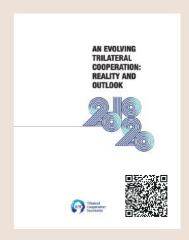
An Evolving Trilateral Cooperation: Reality and Outlook



An Evolving Trilateral Cooperation: Reality and Outlook is a research report that analyzes the progress and achievements of trilateral cooperation by reflecting on the *Trilateral Cooperation VISION 2020* adopted at the 3rd Trilateral Summit in Jeju, Korea on May 29, 2010. The report also provides an outlook for the post-pandemic era based on the *Trilateral Cooperation Vision for the Next Decade* adopted at the 8th Trilateral Summit held in Chengdu, China on December 24, 2020.

The report comprises two parts. The first part is a comprehensive review of the progress made by governmental mechanisms towards each goal and view set out in the *Trilateral Cooperation VISION 2020*. The second part consists of direct dialogues with the civil society in the form of written interviews of six eminent scholars, economists, journalists, and young professionals who shared their experiences with and expectations towards trilateral cooperation.

Available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and English.



The Research Report 'China-Japan-Korea Local City Exchange 2022'

TCS has published the Research Report of "China-Japan-Korea Local City Exchange 2022" in June 2022. This report is a unique source of comprehensive information and updates about trilateral local-government exchanges among China, Japan, and Korea. The report introduces 22 sets of city exchange groups, five key mechanisms, and events in 61 cities involved in the exchanges. It aims to provide relevant stakeholders with updates on the examples, approaches and recent progress of CJK local-government exchange programs. The report is published in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and English and is available for download on the TCS official homepage.

Available in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and English.



Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary (3rd Edition)

The 3rd edition of the Trilateral Common Vocabulary Dictionary (TCVD) was published in March 2020. The TCVD includes 658 words commonly used in China, Japan and Korea, with meanings and example sentences to introduce their similarities and differences in usage. Over 1,000 copies were distributed to high schools, universities, linguistic organizations and individuals either as gifts or upon requests by the people. TCS introduced the publication at the 2021 China Anyang International Conference of Chinese Characters, as a tool to facilitate mutual communication of the people in the three countries.

Available in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.



Trilateral Economic Report 2011-2020

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A product of a collaboration among TCS and six prominent think-tanks across China, Japan, and Korea, the *Trilateral Economic Report 2011-2020* reviews economic cooperation among the three countries in the past decade and showcases the joint efforts the three countries made at national, regional, and global levels. It also provides insights into the cooperation in the next decade, with a view to spurring the efforts of our region to achieve common prosperity.

Available in English.



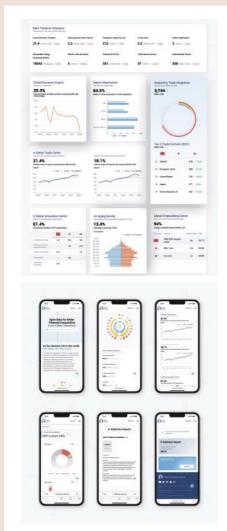


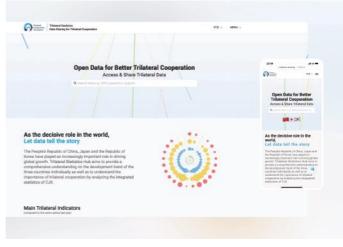
| Databases |

Trilateral Statistics Hub

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Data tells the story and shows the trend. In alignment with the key roles and functions of the organization, TCS launched the Trilateral Statistics Hub, a comprehensive one-stop information center of 600 indicators and 21 mechanisms, for the public to acquire concrete data, to provide a comprehensive understanding on the development trend of China, Japan, and Korea as well as to understand the importance of trilateral cooperation.







Trilateral Consultative Mechanisms

Political Affairs

Foreign Affairs 24th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit

Non-traditional Security 13th Top Regulators' Meeting (TRM) on Nuclear Safety

Disaster Management 7th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management

Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development

Economic Affairs 19th Yellow Sea Rim Economic and Technological Conference

21st TRIPO Heads Meeting

39th Trilateral Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy

Sustainable Development 22nd Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM22)

Pre-TEMM23 Working Level Meeting

7th TEMM-Northwest Pacific Action Plan Joint Workshop on Marine Litter

Social and Cultural Affairs

Culture 13th Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting (TCMM)

Culture City of East Asia (CCEA)

14th Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum

Health 14th Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting

9th China-Japan-Korea Seminar on Population Policy

Personnel 13th CJK Personnel Policy Network Joint Training Program for Young/Middle-level Public

Employees

Cooperative & Exchange Projects

Interdepartmental Affairs

International Forum for the Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2022

Political Affairs

- · 7th Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program
- · Korea-China-Japan Media Forum 2021
- · Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Forum 2021

- · 2022 Busan Public Diplomacy Forum
- · 12th International Symposium on Northeast Asia Cooperation
- \cdot 6th Network of Trilateral Cooperation Think-tanks National Focal Points Meeting / 2021 NTCT Conference

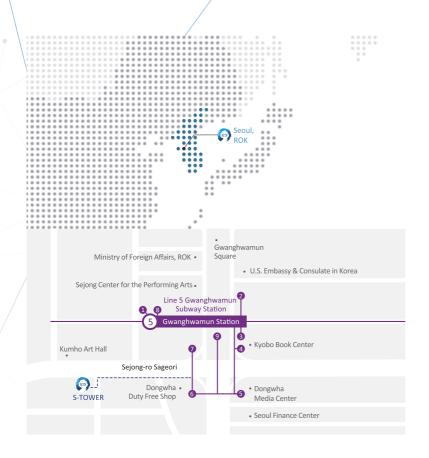
Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development

- · 2021 Forum on Carbon Neutrality Goals of China, Japan and the ROK
- · Expert Meeting on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
- · Trilateral Symposium on Environmental Education and Public Awareness
- · Trilateral Entrepreneurs Forum 2022
- · 7th China-Japan-Korea Industries EXPO
- · 8th CJK Cooperation Dialogue
- · Engagement in Trilateral Economic and Business Exchange
- · China-Japan-ROK (Leshan) Economic and Trade Exchange and Cooperation Conference
- · Dialogue with Xiangcheng- Seminar on New Opportunities for China-Japan-Korea Economic and Trade Cooperation under the RCEP Framework
- · China-Japan-ROK Youth Innovation & Entrepreneurship Forum
- · 2021 Japan-ROK (Qingdao) Imports Online Expo
- · RCEP Business Leaders Forum
- · RCEP Media & Think Tank Roundtable Forum
- · 9th International Electric Vehicle Expo (IEVE)
- · 2nd RCEP Media and Think Tank Forum
- · The 5th China-Japan-Korea Business Conference
- · 2nd Northeast Asia Regional Cooperation Roundtable
- · International Forum on Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia and Revitalization of Northeast China
- · 9th Online GTI International Trade & Investment Expo
- \cdot 2022 International Forum on Regional Cooperation of China, Japan and South Korea & The 19^{th} Northeast Asia Management and Economic Joint Conference
- · 78th UNESCAP Commission Session
- · Global Youth Climate Challenges (GYCC) 2022/23

Social and Cultural Affairs

- · 1st Trilateral Youth Speech Contest
- · Young Ambassador Program 2021
- · CAMPUS Asia Career Panel
- · 2022 CJK Virtual Marathon
- · 1st Asia-Pacific Young Leaders Forum
- · Korean CAMPUS Asia University Conference
- · China-Japan-Korea "Z Generation" Youth Exchange Project
- · 18th Northeast Asia Youth Forum
- · 2022 NEAR International Forum
- · Wukong Cup Comic Contest 2020 Awards Ceremony
- · 2021 China (Anyang) International Conference of Chinese Characters

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