

Joint Declaration of the 12th Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum

1. Overview of the 12th Forum

1.1. The 12th Trilateral Cultural Content Industry Forum was held in Busan from November 14 to November 15, 2019. The forum was attended by representatives of the three countries' industries and the relevant government agencies, which include Kim Hyunhwan, Director of Contents Policy Bureau, The Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism of the Republic of Korea, Ma Feng, Deputy Director-General for Ministry of Department of Cultural and Tourism Industries, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China and Ogasawara Yoichi, Deputy Director-General for IT Strategy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan.

1.2. The three countries had an in-depth discussion of culture and content industry exchange and cooperation in the forum. The three countries agreed to continuously seek the cooperation measures for the co-development of the culture and content industry through collaboration among the government agencies, relevant associations and industries, while continuously debating the theme in the future forums.

1.3. The three countries shared the importance of persistent exchange in the culture and content field from the future-oriented perspective, and confirmed that the forum is important and meaningful for the governments and industries to exchange information about culture and content industry policies and trends, and to create opportunities for cooperation. The three countries agreed on hosting the forum in turn.

2. Expansion the Exchange and Cooperation among Three Countries' Culture and Content Industry

2.1. The three countries recognize the industrial importance of the culture and content field and actively encourage joint production and collaboration among companies. Especially they agreed on offering opportunities for business matching, project pitching, and human resources exchanges such as expert seminars, among the companies of Korea, Japan, and China, in order to bolster the three countries' collaboration for excellent intellectual properties production and distribution.

2.2. The three countries agreed on encouraging their companies to vigorously participate in international events and markets in the field of culture and content industry held in each country, and thus on supporting the companies' network expansion and relevant events' success.

3. Activation of Trilateral Content Industry Promoting Cooperative's Operations

3.1. The three countries designate a liaison officer to Korea's KOCCA, Japan's VIPO, and China's CAEG, respectively, for the Trilateral Content Industry Cooperation and Development Cooperative (Hereinafter the "Cooperative") founded in the 11th forum in Tianjin with trilateral agreement to perform practical functions.

3.2. The three countries endeavor to share information about the systems and regulations of each country and to promote smooth business operations and trilateral exchanges through the Cooperative.

4. Next Forum

4.1. The three countries agreed on hold the next forum in Japan. Korea and China consented to cooperate on encouraging their government agencies and industries to participate in the forum, and also to assist for Japan to host the forum.

4.2. The three countries agreed on hold the 13th forum in 2020.

Signed in duplicate in Busan, The Republic of Korea, on November 15, 2019 in the Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and English languages, each text being equally valid. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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