

Joint Press Release

The Sixth Tripartite
(Japan, The People's Republic of China and The Republic of Korea)
Customs Heads' Meeting

Tokyo, Japan: 30 November, 2017

The Customs Heads of Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea held the sixth Tripartite Customs Heads' Meeting (TCHM) in Tokyo, Japan on 30 November 2017. Mr. Iizuka, Atsushi, Director General of Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan, led the Japanese delegation and chaired the meeting. Mr. Yu Guanzhou, Minister of General Administration of Customs, the People's Republic of China, led the Chinese delegation. Mr. Kim, Yung Moon, Commissioner of Korea Customs Service, the Republic of Korea, led the Korean delegation.

The Heads of the three Customs administrations exchanged views on common challenges and effective measures to address them, such as anti-terrorism measures, efforts against smuggling of illicit goods, cooperation against commercial fraud in particular gold bullion smuggling, effective means to achieve facilitation and control of the massive flow of passengers, and trade facilitation.

The three Heads also welcomed the progress of their respective work have been achieved under the four Working Groups, namely Intellectual Property Rights, Customs Enforcement and Intelligence, Authorized Economic Operators, and Customs Procedures.

With the aim of putting the discussion into practice, the three Heads decided to adopt the newly revised version of "the Action Plan for the Tripartite Customs Cooperation" (as annexed to this joint press release) so that it would continue to be relevant to and to serve as the useful guiding principles of mid- to long-term tripartite Customs cooperation.