

## **Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation**

**December 5, 2019**

**Seoul, Republic of Korea**

We, the heads of government agencies on disaster management of the Republic of Korea, Japan and the People's Republic of China, participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management held in Seoul, Korea on December 5, 2019.

We expressed our heartfelt condolences to the victims for the loss of lives and damages to property caused by natural disasters including typhoons, floods, earthquakes and landslides and large scale accidents that took place not only in Korea, Japan and China but also around the world.

We reaffirmed the importance of our trilateral cooperation and information sharing among the three countries and agreed upon the need for focusing on prevention in disaster management in order to minimize damage from various hazards that are on the rise due to climate change and urbanization.

We reviewed the outcomes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management, shared prevention policies on disasters implemented by Korea, Japan and China, and developed effective and practical measures towards disaster risk reduction in the three countries.

With the aim to improve disaster prevention capacity of Korea, Japan and China by sharing prevention policies on disasters, we decided to actively promote cooperation among the three countries in the following areas:

1. Reinforce the trilateral cooperation framework among the three countries by sharing the direction of the prevention policies, the results of root cause analysis on high profile disasters, and relevant disaster prevention and reduction information.

2. Create opportunities for mutual learning on advanced disaster management systems deployed by the three countries, respectively, for the prevention of disasters.
3. Explore measures to expand the exchange of disaster and safety experts among the three countries while recognizing the significance of fostering disaster and safety experts in establishing an advanced disaster prevention system.

We appreciated the efforts made by the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) to promote our joint cooperation on disaster management. We will involve the TCS in the follow-up process of the Joint Statement to the maximum extent. The host country will be responsible for follow-up procedures of determined agendas of the meeting until the next meeting.

Based on the principle of the biennial hosting of the meeting, we reached a consensus on Japan's hosting of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management. We signed this Joint Statement in Seoul, Korea on December 5, 2019 and exchanged this Joint Statement.

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