

**The Fourth Trilateral Ministerial Meeting among Japan, the People's
Republic of China and the Republic of Korea
Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation
October 28, 2015, Tokyo, Japan**

We, the heads of government agencies on disaster management of Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea participated in the 4th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management among Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea on October 28, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan.

We expressed our deep condolences for the loss of precious lives and devastating damages caused by natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and extreme heat waves not only from the three countries but around the world.

Recognizing the three countries are experiencing more frequent and catastrophic natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons, we reconfirmed the importance and significance of trilateral cooperation on disaster management, due to our geographical proximity.

We also reviewed the outcomes of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management and discussed the progress in disaster risk reduction among the three countries based on national official reports such as HFA Progress Report and National Policy Report. Moreover, in order to strengthen practical cooperation in the field of disaster management and promote the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR) adopted at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in March 2015, we decided to discuss and proceed our cooperation in the following areas:

I. Promote the implementation of the SFDRR

- a) Explore the feasibility of enhancing compatibility of information about hazard profile, disaster loss and disaster recovery among the three countries and improve its linkage with other existing ones in order to contribute to the monitoring of the global targets defined in the SFDRR.
- b) Explore the feasibility of sharing the information, technology, experiences, and lessons being defined as priority in the SFDRR, particularly the actions to invest in disaster risk reduction and to "Build Back Better" at the recovery and reconstruction phase through various opportunities arranged among the three countries.
- c) Contribute actively to the mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction in the international community, through negotiations and discussions at international fora such as UNFCCC COP 21 scheduled at the end of 2015.
- d) Bring up the SFDRR at international and regional conferences on disaster management held in each country, and promote its implementation.
- e) Acknowledging that Japan submitted a proposal of the resolution to establish the World Tsunami Day to the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly, raise awareness of threats and measures against tsunamis through the collaboration among the three countries, in order to mitigate damage caused by tsunamis in the international community.

II. Education and Training

- a) Share the experience of and lessons learned from the large-scale disasters which occurred in each country. Stock-take the results of the Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) which has been conducted three times in an understandable manner, and maintain and update the list of each country's contact.

- b) Facilitate mutual visits to disaster prone areas or severe disasters hit areas in each country at the reconstruction phase by cooperating one another; thereby learn from each other's disaster prevention/reduction measures and "Build Back Better" efforts.
- c) Utilize existing education and training institutes located in the three countries, including the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), the National Disaster Reduction Center of China (NDRCC) and the Global Education and Training Institute (GETI), to develop government officials' capacities for disaster management and disaster risk reduction and provide training opportunities to the other two countries as well.
- d) Transfer the three countries' technology and experience on disaster management to developing countries by jointly organizing training programs and seminars.

The host country will be responsible for follow-up procedures of determined agendas of the meeting until the next meeting.

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.

Based on the principle of the biennial hosting of the meeting, we reached the consensus on the People's Republic of China's host of the 5th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management among Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea as well as at the preparatory meeting of senior officials/experts. We signed this Joint Statement on October 28, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan, and exchanged this Joint Statement written in English.

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