

Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation

September 7, 2017 Tangshan, China

We, the heads of government agencies on disaster management of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Japan participated in the 5th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management in Tangshan, Hebei Province, China on September 7, 2017.

We expressed our deep condolences for the losses of precious lives and devastating damages caused by natural disasters including floods, typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis not only from the three countries but around the world. Meanwhile, we have never forgotten the Tangshan Earthquake in 1976, and we appreciate the achievements accomplished in post-disaster reconstruction and the building of new Tangshan in the past 41 years.

Recognizing that climate change is exerting potential impact on sustainable development in the Northeast Asia, resulting in frequent extreme weather and climate events, increase of exposed areas for disaster risks, and greater natural disaster losses and damages in some parts of the region;

Reaffirming that common action by the three countries is needed to deal with climate change and effectively reduce disaster risks and losses to a maximum extent for the benefit of the three countries and their people;

Reviewing the outcomes of the previous four trilateral Ministerial Meetings on Disaster Management and the progress of the three countries in implementing the “Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030”, based on which specific measures have been raised up to improve practical trilateral cooperation of disaster risk reduction and relief among China, Korea and Japan;

We are determined to proceed our future cooperation among the three countries in the following areas:

1. Continue to promote the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR)

a) Improve information and experience sharing among the three countries on the implementation of SFDRR and Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of SFDRR to enhance the capacity in disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation, in particular, the implementation of “Build Back Better”, considering that the reconstruction of Tangshan is its perfect example.

b) Enhance communication regarding future concrete working objectives, increasing input, and improving measures to achieve the global targets and monitor the progress in line with the priorities for action of SFDRR.

2. Strengthen capacity building on disaster risk reduction and relief

a) Actively participate in the conferences, forums and expos of science and technology on DRR held by the three countries, with the aim to improve policy dialogue, share experiences and practices of science and

technology contribution in DRR, and promote the application of science and technology in DRR in Asian countries.

b) Give full play to the existing education and training institutions located in the three countries, including the National Disaster Reduction Center of China (NDRCC), the Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), to carry out the trilateral cooperation on training such as capacity building on disaster management.

c) Enhance exchange of information in the management of disaster relief material reservation, organize visits of relevant facilities in the three countries, and promote personnel exchange for mutual learning on the management of disaster relief material reservation including through Table Top Exercise (TTX).

d) Enhance information and experience sharing on community-based DRR to jointly improve the community's comprehensive DRR capacity and raise awareness of World Tsunami Awareness Day.

e) Share experience and lessons for civil society engagement in disaster risk reduction and relief to promote cooperation among social organizations of the three countries.

We appreciate 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.

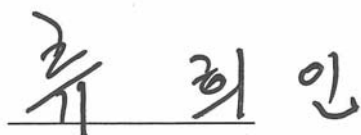
Based on the principle of the biennial hosting of the meeting, we reached the consensus on the Republic of Korea's host of the 6th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management. We signed this Joint Statement in Tangshan, China on September 7, 2017, and exchanged this Joint Statement written in English.



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Signed in Tangshan, China on 7 September 2017 in tripartite in the English language.