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I. Overview



1. FOREWORD

The Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as “TCS”) is delighted to issue its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (September 2013 – August 2014). This is the first report which covers our activities throughout the year since my inauguration as the Secretary-General. It demonstrates the constructive intent and documents the many important outcomes of fruitful activities promoting trilateral cooperation among Japan, the People’s Republic of China (China) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) (hereinafter referred to as “the three countries”).

With the progress achieved even amidst a range of security and political challenges in the region, I can confidently say that this fiscal year for the TCS has indeed been a period of positive transformation. The year was one of the significant improvements marked by our contributions and continued devotion to support trilateral cooperation mechanisms, and undertake innovative activities. This report details the complete range of projects and activities, and our efforts to build and strengthen partnership with various stakeholders in diverse fields, all of whom play a crucial role in promoting trilateral cooperation. This essential progress is possible only because the three countries have been improving people-to-people exchanges, which were unimaginable a decade ago.

It is an extremely challenging time for all of us being engaged in trilateral cooperation. Conscious of the need to sustain efforts towards achieving community in Northeast Asia, it is essential that all stakeholders in the three countries come together and embark hand in hand towards this ultimate goal. We will continue to seek productive ways to advance and strengthen ties among the three countries and we count on your continued and invaluable support.



Iwatani Shigeo

Secretary-General of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat

2. HIGH LIGHTS FOR THE TCS





Farewell and Welcome Reception

On August 28, 2013, TCS hosted the Farewell and Welcome Reception. The Reception was held in Seoul, ROK to bid farewell to Secretary-General Mr. Shin Bong-kil and Deputy Secretaries-Generals Ms. Matsukawa Rui and Ms. Mao Ning, as well as to welcome new Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo and new Deputy Secretaries-Generals Mr. Chen Feng and Mr. Lee Jong-heon.



16th ASEAN Plus Three Summit

With a view to further contributing to the APT cooperation, Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo attended the 16th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit, which was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on October 10, 2013.



International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2014

The TCS organized the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2014 on April 15, 2014. With the theme of “Unity in Diversity – Fostering East Asian Identity & Spirit of Community”, the Forum brought together top thinkers from government, academia, media and the diplomatic community from the three countries to share wisdom on peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia.



Trilateral Business Networking Events

The TCS hosted the 2nd Trilateral Business Networking Seminar and Reception in Dalian, China on January 17, 2014, to facilitate trilateral business partnerships and contribute to the co-prosperity of the three countries.



Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program

In order to facilitate mutual understanding and contribute to a healthy and responsible media environment in the three countries, the TCS organized the first-ever Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program on March 24–April 1, 2014, inviting journalists from the three countries to exchange views on the role of media in enhancing trilateral cooperation.



Monthly Lecture Series “Three Strands of Asia”

With a view to increasing understanding of the unique cultures of the three countries, the TCS organized a monthly lecture series “Three Strands of Asia” from February 2014, bringing together renowned professionals from a wide range of disciplines to give lectures on the cultures and societies of the three countries from a comparative perspective.



Track II Dialogue on Wartime History Issues in Asia

The TCS sponsored the Track II Dialogue on Wartime History Issues in Asia organized by Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC) at Stanford University on May 12-13, 2014. Participants from the three countries, the United States, and Europe had open discussion on ways to foster dialogue and reconciliation related to wartime history issues in Northeast Asia.



2nd TTX on Disaster Management

Building on the success of the 1st Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management, the TCS organized and facilitated the 2nd TTX in Tokyo, Japan in March 6-7, 2014, aiming at increasing mutual understanding of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief mechanisms among the three countries in response to large-scale natural disasters.



World Economic Forum on East Asia

Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo attended World Economic Forum (WEF) on East Asia held in Manila, the Philippines on 21-23 May, 2014. In the session named “Asia Security Outlook”, he participated as a panelist and emphasized the need for establishing a full-fledged regional organization in Asia which would cover and govern all the issues including politics, security, economy and culture.

3. SPOTLIGHTS ON TRILATERAL COOPERATION



FY 2013–2014 was a breakthrough year for addressing the interplay between bilateral ties and the trilateral relationship. More precisely, it was an important year for trilateral cooperation. The appetite for cooperation among the three countries is growing steady, as the need for cooperation in a diverse range of fields is increasing. The three countries have continued their efforts to strengthen cooperation by managing varied levels of meetings to build upon a solid foundation and their tireless efforts will continue.

16th ASEAN Plus Three Summit

The 16th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on October 10, 2013. The Heads of State/Government of ASEAN Member States as well as the three countries were in attendance. The leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation in various sectors such as education, information, tourism, regional connectivity, disaster management, environment, and climate change. In the hopes of further contributing to the APT cooperation, Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo attended the APT Summit as observer for the first time.



1. The Summit being chaired by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam
 2. Leaders of the ASEAN Plus Three countries



CJK FTA

Negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement among China, Japan and Korea (CJK FTA) is one of the major pillars of trilateral cooperation. If successfully concluded, the agreement could serve as a solid foundation for stronger economic as well as political ties between the three countries.

Since its first round of negotiations in Seoul, ROK on March 26–28, 2013, the three countries have conducted the third and fourth rounds in Tokyo, Japan on November 26–29, 2013, and in Seoul, ROK on March 4–7, 2014, respectively, setting up 15 working groups and expert dialogues for comprehensive and substantial discussions in various areas.

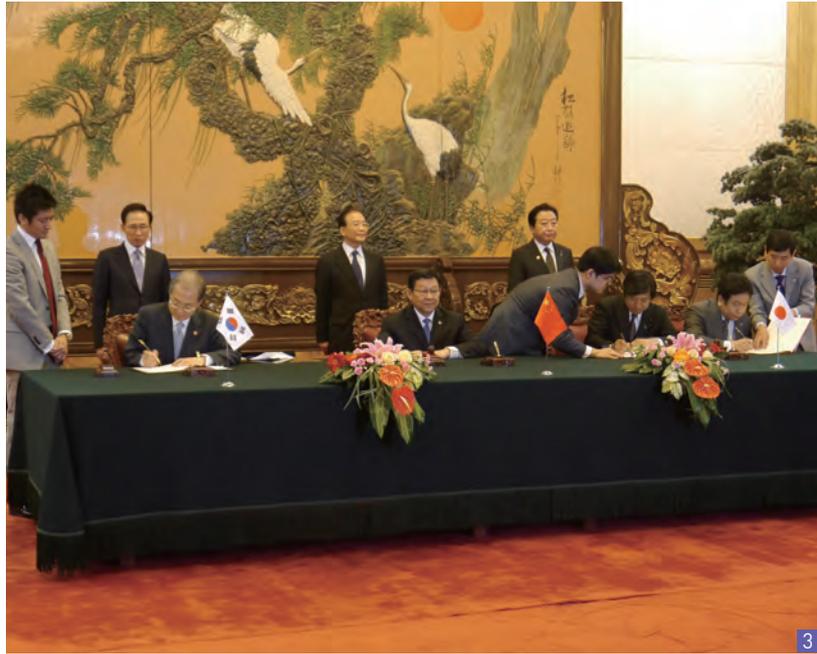


1. 4th Round of the CJK FTA Negotiations

2. (from left to right) Mr. Nagamine Yasumasa, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; Mr. Woo Tae-hee, Assistant Minister for Trade and Chief Negotiator for FTAs of the ROK; and Mr. Wang Shouwen, Assistant Minister of Commerce of China

Trilateral Investment Agreement

After 5 years of negotiations spanning from 2007 to 2012, the Trilateral Investment Agreement finally entered into force on May 17, 2014, following the completion of domestic procedures in each country. This Agreement is the first economic legal framework among the three countries, and is expected to provide a more stable and transparent investment environment for the three countries, and further promote trilateral economic relations.



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3. The first economic legal framework among the three countries was signed in May 2012, and entered into force in May 2014

4. (from left to right) Mr. Bark Tae-ho, Minister for Trade of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the ROK; Mr. Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce of China; Mr. Edano Yukio, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan; and Mr. Yamaguchi Tsuyoshi, Parliamentary Senior Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan

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II. Providing Support for Trilateral Consultative Mechanisms

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Strengthening East Asian Identity & Spirit of Community
15 April 2014, Seoul, Korea



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Providing Support for Trilateral Consultative Mechanisms





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Provide administrative and technical support for the operation and management of such trilateral consultative mechanisms among the Parties as the Trilateral Summit Meeting, the Trilateral Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and other ministerial meetings, and the Trilateral Senior Foreign Affairs Officials’ Consultation and to attend major consultative mechanisms

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Article 3 of ‘the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS’

A vital dimension of the TCS’s work entails supporting implementation of trilateral mechanisms. With these key priorities in mind, the TCS has been actively striving to provide administrative and technical support to facilitate every meeting and consultation in each field. By drafting summary records, detailing key decisions, deliverables and other action items for the reference of relevant ministries and organizations, the TCS has boosted its role as the hub for improvement of trilateral cooperation by ensuring its support reaches the right parties quickly when they need it most and with greater transparency, coordination and devotion.



1. The three Deputy Ministers reaffirmed the three countries' commitment to trilateral cooperation

1. Trilateral Senior Foreign Affairs Officials' Consultation and Deputy Director General-Level Meeting

Throughout the year, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the three countries convene the Trilateral Senior Foreign Affairs Officials' Consultation and the Trilateral Deputy Director General-Level (DDG) Meeting as needed, in order to better track cooperation initiatives made by the leaders of the three countries in the Trilateral Summit in previous year as well as to prepare for the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting and other relevant activities. The TCS makes the greatest use of its function by providing necessary documents, drafting and circulating summary records while maintaining close communication with the three Ministries.



2. The three countries reviewed the progress of trilateral cooperation and considered new cooperation initiatives aimed at promoting further exchanges at DDG Meeting
3. Mr. Chung Byung-won, Deputy Director-General, Northeast Asian Affairs Bureau of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK
4. Mr. Shimokawa Makita, Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
5. Mr. Hong Liang, Deputy Director-General, Asian Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

DATE	Throughout the year
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MAIN PARTICIPANTS	<p>ROK : (Host) Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Japan : Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>China : Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
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(from left to right) Mr. Shimomura Hakubun, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan; Ms. Hayashi Fumiko, Mayor of the City of Yokohama; Mr. Yoo Jin-ryong, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the ROK; Mr. Kang Woon Tae, Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City; Mr. Cai Wu, Minister of Culture of China; and Mr. Zheng Xincong, Mayor of Quanzhou City

2. 5th Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting

The 5th Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting was held in Gwangju, ROK on September 27–28, 2013. At the Meeting, the *Gwangju Communiqué of The Fifth Trilateral Culture Ministers' Meeting* was signed to establish future-oriented cultural exchanges and cooperation. The *Communiqué* covers the concrete implementation agenda to further promote trilateral cooperation to preserve precious cultural heritage, develop cultural industry, protect copyrights, and strengthen culture, arts and youth exchanges.

During the meeting, Gwangju ROK, Yokohama Japan and Quanzhou China were designated as the “2014 East Asian Cultural Cities”. Three Ministers and Mayors of three cities also signed the *Joint Statement for East Asian Cultural Cities 2014*. The TCS attended the Meeting as an observer, which was the TCS' first time attendance since its establishment in September 2011. The TCS submitted a summary record to the three countries.

DATE	September 27–28, 2013
VENUE	Gwangju, ROK
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	<p>ROK : (Chair) Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism</p> <p>Japan : Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology</p> <p>China : Minister of Culture</p>



(from left to right) Mr. Nishimura Yasutoshi, Senior Vice-Minister of State for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office of Japan; Mr. Nam Sang-ho, Administrator of National Emergency Management Agency of the ROK; and Mr. Gu Zhaoxi, Vice Minister of Department of Civil Affairs of China

3. 3rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management

The three countries have experienced their share of natural disasters and the three countries reconfirmed the importance and significance of trilateral cooperation in the area of disaster management when the 3rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management was held in Seoul, ROK on October 30, 2013. The three heads of delegations reviewed the outcomes of the last two meetings and discussed the progress in disaster risk reduction among three countries based on national official reports and adopted the *Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation*. The three heads of delegations also appreciated the efforts of the TCS in hosting the first Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management in March 2013, and stressed the importance of conducting such exercise on a regular basis. This was the second time for the TCS to participate in the meeting as an observer, and it submitted a summary record to the relevant Ministries.

DATE	October 30, 2013
VENUE	Seoul, ROK
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	<p>ROK : (Chair) Administrator of National Emergency Management Agency</p> <p>Japan : Vice-Minister of State for Disaster Management Cabinet Office</p> <p>China : Vice Minister of Department of Civil Affairs</p>



(from left to right) Ms. Li Bin, Minister of National Health and Family Planning Commission of China; Mr. Lee Young-chan, Acting Minister of Health and Welfare of the ROK; and Mr. Tamura Norihisa, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan

4. 6th Tripartite Health Ministers Meeting

The TCS participated in the 6th Tripartite Health Ministers Meeting as an observer, which was held in Seoul, ROK on November 24, 2013. At the Meeting, the Ministers adopted the Joint Statement and agreed to extend the existing cooperative mechanism for joint response on pandemic influenza into emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases. Furthermore, they have reached a consensus on facilitating further information exchanges and exploring possible collaborative topics on universal health coverage (UHC), prevention and control of non-communicable diseases as well as population aging. The TCS submitted a summary record to the three countries and was commended for providing continuous support to the Meeting and for promoting development of trilateral health cooperation.

DATE	November 24, 2013
VENUE	Seoul, ROK
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	<p>ROK : (Chair) Acting Minister of Health and Welfare</p> <p>China : Minister of National Health and Family Planning Commission</p> <p>Japan : Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare</p>



(from left to right) Mr. Li Ganjie, Vice Minister of Environmental Protection of China; Mr. Yoon Seongkyu, Minister of Environment of the ROK; and Mr. Ishihara Nobuteru, Minister of the Environment of Japan

5. 16th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting

The 16th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting was held in Daegu, ROK on April 28-29, 2014. The three Ministers exchanged views and outlined the recent progress in each country regarding major environmental policies, as well as their major policies to address global and regional environmental issues. This year, the Ministers adopted nine new priority areas for tripartite environmental cooperation for the next five years from 2015 to 2019, including Air Quality Improvement, Biodiversity, Transboundary Movement of E-Waste, Climate Change Response, Rural Environmental Management and Transition to Green Economy. The TCS attended the Meeting as an observer for the first time and drafted a report which was submitted to the relevant Ministries. In the Joint Communiqué, the three Ministries welcomed TCS' participation, and urged working level staff to discuss future collaboration with the TCS.

DATE	April 28-29, 2014
VENUE	Daegu, ROK
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	ROK : (Chair) Minister of Environment China : Vice Minister of Ministry of Environmental Protection Japan : Minister of Environment



(from left to right) Mr. Lee Juyong, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries of the ROK; Mr. Ohta Akihiro, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan; and Mr. Zhou Haitao, Vice Minister concurrently Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transport of China

6. 5th Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistic

The 5th Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics was held in Yokohama, Japan on August 25, 2014. The TCS also attended the Conference for the second time. At the Conference, the Ministers agreed on cooperative measures to implement 12 Action Plans such as expanding the mutual access of trailer chassis, strengthening the functions of Northeast Asia Logistics Information Service Network (NEAL-NET), and extending the use of standardized logistics equipment. Signing on the *Yokohama Declaration for Cooperation on Transport and Logistics*, the three Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to realizing seamless logistics in the three countries as well as Northeast Asia at large. The TCS submitted a summary record to the three Ministries and will keep its commitment to the promotion of trilateral logistics cooperation in various ways.

DATE	August 25, 2014
VENUE	Yokohama, Japan
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	<p>ROK : (Chair) Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism</p> <p>China : Vice Minister and Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transport</p> <p>ROK : Minister of Oceans and Fisheries</p>

7. Other Trilateral Mechanisms

1st Director-General Level Meeting on Forestry Cooperation

The 1st Director-General Level Meeting on Forestry Cooperation among the three countries was held in Beijing, China on January 17, 2014. The three countries discussed a wide range of topics including future cooperative mechanisms, and agreed to establish a regular Director-General Level Meeting once a year. The TCS delivered a speech at the opening session, drafted a report of the Meeting and submitted the report to the relevant agencies.

DATE	January 17, 2014
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China : (Chair) State Forestry Administration ROK : Korea Forest Service (KFS) Japan : Forestry Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

1st Tripartite Policy Dialogue on Air Pollution

The 1st Tripartite Policy Dialogue on Air Pollution was held in Beijing, China on March 20, 2014. This director level Dialogue took place as a result of the agreement establishing a policy dialogue on air pollution at the 15th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting. The three countries agreed that such Dialogues will be a useful platform to share

information and exchange experiences, and the three countries should continue the dialogue process. The TCS attended the Dialogue as an observer and submitted a summary report to relevant ministries.

DATE	March 20, 2014
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China : (Chair) Ministry of Environmental Protection ROK : Ministry of Environment Japan : Ministry of the Environment

6th Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy among China, Japan and Korea

The 6th Consultative Meeting on Consumer Policy among China, Japan and Korea was held in Tokyo, Japan on July 3-4, 2014. The Director-Generals from the three Parties exchanged information on recent consumer politics, enforcement and consumer problems for the elderly. The three

countries also reached an agreement to conduct a feasibility study on a mechanism to handle cross-border consumer complaints, and agreed to appoint appropriate persons in each country to discuss the establishment of a comprehensive network for handling cross-border consumer complaints. TCS participated in this meeting as an observer for the first time.

DATE	March 20, 2014
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China : (Chair) Ministry of Environmental Protection ROK : Ministry of Environment Japan : Ministry of the Environment

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III. Exploring and Facilitating Cooperative Projects







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Explore and identify potential cooperative projects among the Parties, and report those projects to the relevant consultative mechanisms for adoption
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Article 3 of 'the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS'

FY2013–FY2014 was an extremely demanding year for the TCS to establish its identity and solidify its status as an unbiased international organization. A few examples in the area of economy include the Trilateral Business Networking Events and the Trilateral Statistics Workshop, which were successfully held by the TCS to pursue common interests of the three countries. With the aim of responding to natural disasters, the TCS conducted the 2nd Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management, as a follow-up of the joint statement—the *Cooperation on Disaster Management* established by the leaders of the three countries in 2011. Other productive developments that the TCS made were launching two Track II dialogues on Wartime History Issues in Asia, and on Sharing Experiences of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) among TCS/OSCE/ARF/SCO. The TCS also actively worked on a major youth project Young Ambassador Program (YAP) to foster understanding and friendships among young generation.

1. Trilateral Business Networking Events

Following the first reception among local business groups in Seoul, ROK in 2013, the TCS hosted the Trilateral Business Networking Seminar and Reception in Dalian, China on January 17, 2014 in collaboration with China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and Dalian Municipal Government of China. During the events, major business associations in the three countries, namely, the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), the Keidanren of Japan and the CCPIT held a working consultation on expanding exchanges and promoting cooperation. At the Seminar, more than 100 business professionals from the three countries reached a consensus that trilateral economic bonds constitute a foundation for trilateral cooperation, and called upon the establishment of institutionalized exchange platforms for functional cooperation in trade, finance and industry.

The TCS will continue its efforts to facilitate trilateral business partnership and contribute to the co-prosperity of the three countries.



1. Opening Session of the Trilateral Business Networking Seminar



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- 2. More than 100 business representatives gathered from the three countries
- 3. SG Mr. Iwatani being interviewed by media

2. 2nd Trilateral Table Top Exercise on Disaster Management

Building on the success of the 1st Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management held in Seoul, ROK in March 2013, the TCS organized and facilitated the 2nd TTX on 6–7 March, 2014 in Tokyo, Japan.

Based on the scenario developed by the TCS in consultation with relevant ministries in Japan, representatives from the disaster management related ministries and agencies in the three countries as well as international organizations contributed to development of detailed operational plans and policies in response to an assumed earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The exercise achieved the following outcomes: 1) identifying roles of relevant organizations in the context of multinational (trilateral) disaster relief operation; 2) increasing understanding of disaster management coordination mechanisms and process in each country; and 3) identifying gaps, issues, challenges for future development and improvement.

The participants held in-depth discussions and shared their view that the TTX has laid a solid foundation for the enhancement of comprehensive and effective trilateral cooperation on disaster management.



1. The 2nd TTX was successfully held among the three countries



2. Delegation from Japan headed by Mr. Yokkaichi Masahiro, Director of Cabinet Office of Japan
3. Delegation from China headed by Mr. Zhang Xuequan, Section Director, Ministry of Civil Affairs of China
4. Delegation from the ROK headed by Mr. Lee Jin-moon, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK
5. Mr. Kishida Fumio, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan paid a visit to the 2nd TTX

3. Track II Dialogue on Wartime History Issues in Asia

A Track II Dialogue entitled “Wartime History Issues in Asia: Pathways to Reconciliation”, was held at Stanford University on May 12–13, 2014. This dialogue took place under the co-sponsorship of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat and the Shorenstein Asia–Pacific Research Center (APARC) at Stanford University. TCS representatives attended the dialogue as observers. Participants from the three countries, the United States, and Europe had open, frank discussions on ways to foster dialogue and to minimize the negative impact caused by the divided memories on wartime history in Northeast Asia.



1. SG Mr. Iwatani gives welcoming remarks

2. Amb. Kathleen Stephens, Former U.S. Ambassador to the ROK, Visiting Scholar at Stanford University



3. Prof. Soeya Yoshihide, Keio University

4. Prof. Bu Ping, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

5. Prof. Ha Young Sun, Professor Emeritus at Seoul National University

4. Track II Dialogue on Sharing Experiences of Confidence Building Measures among TCS/OSCE/ARF/SCO

The TCS hosted a Track II Dialogue on Sharing Experiences of Confidence Building Measures among TCS/OSCE/ARF/SCO in Tokyo, Japan on June 18, 2014. The Dialogue provided a valuable opportunity for the exchange of views and cross-learning between participants representing diverse viewpoints not only from the three countries, but from other regional organizations with respect to various challenges of constructing Confidence Building Measures (CBMs). The main objective of the Dialogue was to explore the applicability of relevant CBMs in Northeast Asia, by sharing perspectives and lessons learned among the regional organizations.

This Track II Dialogue brought together representatives from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Secretariat, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Secretariat, ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Track II institutions such as the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) and Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia as well as scholars from the three countries.

Following the presentations, participants shared their views on the issues surrounding the applicability of CBMs in Northeast Asia such as bridging non-traditional CBMs with military CBMs, dealing with challenges for establishing CBMs and developing maritime CBMs. The participants also noted that the TCS has an important contribution to make towards regional confidence building through promoting dialogues and cooperation among the countries concerned.





1. Participants of the Track 2 Dialogue on Sharing Experiences of Confidence Building Measures among TCS/OSCE/ARF/SCO
2. (from left to right) Prof. Ueta Takako, International Christian University of Japan; Dr. Yang Xiyu, China Institute of International Studies; and Dr. Chung Kyungyoung, Institute of International Strategy on East Asia of the ROK
3. (from left to right) Amb. Vitaly Y. Vorobiev, Adviser Ambassador of SCO; and Dr. Ian Mitchell, Head of External Co-operation of OSCE
4. The Track II Dialogue was to explore the applicability of relevant CBMs in Northeast Asia

5. Trilateral Statistics Workshop

TCS hosted the 1st Trilateral Statistics Workshop in Seoul, ROK on December 19, 2013. The Workshop aimed to improve the publication of the annual *Trilateral Statistics* booklet and to facilitate future cooperation on trilateral statistics. The Workshop was inspired by the initial small-scale statistical compilation among the six original member states of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) by which a quantitative base for economic integration and community building was provided in 1952. The *Trilateral Statistics* booklet presents overall national and regional outlook, reveals driving forces for integration, pinpoints opportunities for cooperation, and establishes the three countries as one “bloc”.

Experts from universities, research institutes and international organizations introduced statistics for CJK FTA negotiations, indicators for regional economic integration, surveillance of regional financial stability, comparison of trilateral economic statistics and statistics publications by major international organizations. Specific suggestions provided by the experts were incorporated into *2013 Trilateral Statistics* booklet.





1. Participants of the Trilateral Statistic Workshop
2. Participants lively exchanged their views on trilateral statistics

6. Young Ambassador Program

The TCS hosted the 2nd Trilateral Young Ambassador Program (YAP) in Seoul, ROK on August 4–14, 2014. The YAP is a two-week summer camp program that offers professional training and on-site visits for young generations to develop the understanding of the trilateral cooperation. Through the program, the participants conducted dialogues and policy debates on topics that are related to the trilateral relations.

During the first week of the program, the TCS offered lectures on Northeast Asian issues and department briefings in order to help the students deepening their understanding of trilateral cooperation, foreign policy making and TCS function and operation. The YAP delegation also visited government agencies, international organizations, think-tank, media and private sector. As the highlight of the YAP, the students conducted a Youth Policy Dialogue & Debate on Trilateral Cooperation. This event touched upon the pressing issues in Northeast Asia, motivated the youths to come up with constructive ideas and insight for trilateral cooperation and find common ground in each country's position. This year, the YAP has received approximately 300 applications from the three countries as well as other countries, with 16 students passing the competitive selection. The TCS will continue its efforts to promote the trilateral cooperation and foster the sense of friendship among the youth of the three countries.





1. Visit to the ASAN Institute for Policy Studies
2. Visit to the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3. Visit to Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
4. Visit to JTBC
5. Lecture on regional cooperation in East Asia by Prof. Emanuel Pastreich, Kyung Hee University
6. Lecture on security issues in Northeast Asia by Dr. Leif-Eric Easley, ASAN Institute for Policy Studies
7. Students conducting a Youth Policy Dialogue & Debate on Trilateral Cooperation
8. YAP participants at Boseong Green Tea Plantation

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IV. Promoting Understanding of Trilateral Cooperation







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understanding
of the trilateral cooperation*
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Article 3 of 'the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS'

The TCS consistently strives to do more with less, and to promote a vision of trilateral cooperation that is dynamic, vibrant and inclusive. Among the promotional activities the TCS has undertaken this fiscal year, the most noteworthy one was the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2014. The IFTC 2014 has brought distinguished participants who pumped fresh blood to the existing relationships among the three countries. Alongside the various projects, the TCS held Monthly Lecture Series and the Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program, which provided opportunities for the public and the media to acquire a greater sense of understanding of the three countries.



1. International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2014

International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) is an annual forum that brings together eminent scholars and policy makers to offer new insights into the political climate, economic cooperation and social-cultural ties among the three countries. IFTC 2014 was held under the title “The Unity in Diversity – Fostering East Asian Identity & Spirit of Community” on April 15 in Seoul, ROK with Chosun Ilbo, People’s Daily, and Asahi Shimbun as co-hosts. The IFTC invited high-profile incumbent government officials, renowned scholars and members of the diplomatic community to

share insightful and constructive proposals for the trilateral cooperation to overcome the uncertainties of bilateral relations in the region, and gathered momentum for future-oriented trilateral partnership.

IFTC 2014 was comprised of the opening session and the following 4 sub-sessions: 1) Keynote Speeches, 2) In Face of Uncertainty and Calling for New Thinking, 3) Wisdom of Integration – When Northeast Asia Encounters the West, 4) Towards the Perception of East Asian Citizen – Ways of Public Diplomacy. In each session, the speakers' presentations were followed by Q&A and discussion on relevant topics. The sessions addressed a variety of important current affairs including the political climate in Northeast Asia, models of regional integration, CJK FTA, public diplomacy, cooperation on disaster management, and people to people exchange. IFTC 2014 gathered more than 250 participants from a variety of sectors including government, business, academia and civil society.



1. Session 2 of IFTC 2014
2. Mr. Zhao Jinjun, President of China Foreign Affairs University
3. Mr. Kim Sung-hwan, Chair of Seoul National University Institute for Global Social Responsibility, Former ROK Foreign Minister
4. Mr. Ogoura Kazuo, Advisor to the Japan Foundation, Former Japanese Ambassador to the ROK
5. Traditional trilateral music was performed during the luncheon



2. Monthly Lecture Series “Three Strands of Asia”

The TCS organized a monthly lecture series entitled “Three Strands of Asia” starting from February 2014, in order to encourage balanced and thoughtful understanding of the three countries. This lecture series brought together renowned professionals to explain various aspects of the cultures and societies of the three countries from a comparative perspective. Renowned professionals from different fields delivered intriguing lectures about topics from written script to tea culture, illustrating the long history of complex cultural connections. The lecture drew about 50 attendees from diverse fields including universities, government agencies, private organizations and media every month, and lasted for two hours with lively discussion among the participants. The TCS will continue to hold this event every year with diverse topics including tradition and popular culture to encourage dialogues and mutual understanding among the people of the three countries.





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- 1. Prof. Kent Calder, Johns Hopkins University with audience
- 2. Prof. Emanuel Pastreich, Kyung Hee University
- 3. Mr. Kim Kyung Eun, Kyung Hyang Shinmun

- 4. Prof. Song Hye Jin, Sookmyung Women's University
- 5. Prof. Shin Jung Guen, Sungkyunkwan University
- 6. Ms. Muramatsu Kanako, Urasenke Seoul Branch

	DATE	TOPIC	LECTURER
1st	February	Written Script	Professor Emanuel Pastreich of Kyung Hee University
2nd	March 13	Housing Culture	Mr. Kim Kyung Eun of Kyung Hyang Shinmun
Special Lecture	April 14	Northeast Asian Regionalism	Professor Kent Calder of Johns Hopkins University
3rd	May 20	Court Music	Professor Song Hye Jin of Sookmyung Women's University
4th	June 25	Confucianism	Professor Shin Jung Guen of Sungkyunkwan University
5th	July 17	Tea Culture	Ms. Muramatsu Kanako of Urasenke Seoul Branch



Dialogue with Chinese scholars

3. Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program

The TCS organized the Trilateral Journalist Exchange Program for the first time on March 24–April 1, 2014. 14 journalists from the three countries were selected for the program. Journalist delegates visited various governmental agencies and major institutions of three countries, and held joint-interviews on trilateral cooperation-related hot topics. Journalists held three special dialogues and exchanged opinions on the role of media as well as the role of the TCS with a view to enhance trilateral cooperation.

Based on field trips and interviews with professionals, journalists reached the consensus that promoting people to people exchanges, especially journalists and youth exchanges, could be an important means to consolidate the relationship among the three countries.

At the dialogues, journalist delegates expressed an intimate sense of fellowship with each other as journalists and

agreed on the importance of media's role in trilateral cooperation. Also, they emphasized compliance with journalistic ethics and the need for mutual understanding and regular exchange.



1. Interview with the Mayor of the City of Yokohama, Japan
2. Visit to the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs

4. Outreach

Selected Meetings and On-site Visits by TCS Board Members

Outreach Visit to the ROK

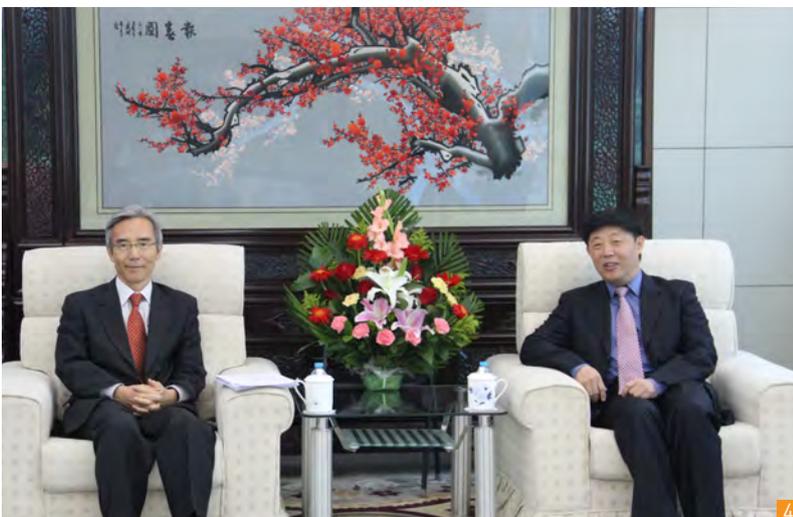
In FY2013–2014, the TCS delegation paid courtesy visits to ROK government agencies including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Assembly of the ROK. They exchanged views on the future projects of the TCS and shared the idea that the three countries should jointly push forward the trilateral cooperation in various fields.





Outreach Visit to China

The TCS delegation paid a courtesy visit to a variety of Chinese government bodies, media organizations and academic institutes in Beijing, China, on October 16–18, 2013. The primary purpose of this visit was to introduce the new TCS Board Members as well as to exchange views on the future projects of the TCS.



1. Meeting with Mr. Kang Chang-hee, former Speaker of National Assembly of the ROK
2. Meeting with Mr. Yun Bung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the ROK
3. Meeting with Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China
4. Meeting with Mr. GU Zhaoxi, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of China

Outreach Visit to Japan

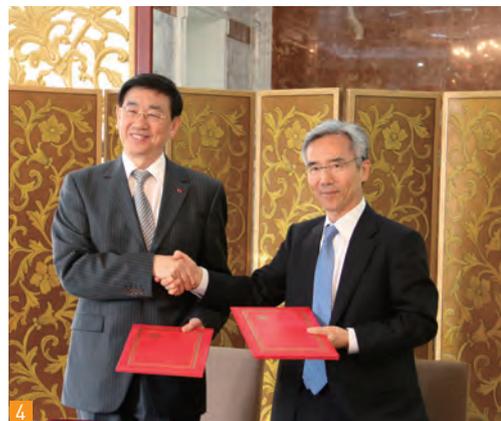
The TCS delegation paid a courtesy visit to Tokyo, Japan on March 10–11, 2014. This was the first official visit to Japanese government agencies after the new TCS leadership took office on September 2013. The delegation aimed to introduce the new Board Members and brief members of the Japanese government on the ongoing projects initiated by the TCS.



1. Meeting with Mr. Mitsuya Norio, Parliamentary Senior Vice–Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan
2. Meeting with Mr. Harihara Hisao, Vice Minister for International Affairs of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan

China Foreign Affairs University

The TCS established and maintained contact and cooperation with China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) in its efforts to promote trilateral cooperation. The TCS participated in the opening ceremony of Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center at China Foreign Affairs University on October 16, 2013. On June 26, 2014, the relationship between the TCS and CFAU culminated in the signing of an MoU. The MoU is of historic significance as it is the first-ever MoU signed by the TCS with another organization aimed at strengthening cooperative partnership to enhance the level of trilateral cooperation.



Selected Conference / Seminar / Forum Participation

BFA Conference "Infrastructure Connectivity in Asia: The Financing Challenge"

Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo attended a conference held by Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) under the theme "Infrastructure Connectivity in Asia: The Financing Challenge" in Beijing, China on June 28-29, 2014, and spoke as a panelist in the session entitled "Infrastructure Connectivity in Asia: Vision, Planning & Constraints".

3. Opening Ceremony of Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center at China Foreign Affairs University
4. TCS signed its first-ever MoU with China Foreign Affairs University
5. SG Mr. Iwatani spoke as a panelist in the session entitled "Infrastructure Connectivity in Asia: Vision, Planning & Constraints"



Secretary-General's Main Activities

DATE	LECTURER
9/3/13	Interview with Yonhap News Agency
9/12/13	Interview with The Korea Times
9/23/13	Participation at the dinner reception of 2013 China-Japan-Korea Trilateral Workshop for Public Officials
9/24/13	Interview with JoongAng Daily
10/2/13	Filming for Arirang TV Talk Show <AFTER 10> Airdate: Oct 4 th ~5 th
10/2/13	Meeting with the ROK Foreign Ministry Correspondents
10/8/13	Interview with Korea Herald
10/10/13	Participation at the 16 th ASEAN Plus Three Summit, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
10/16~18/13	Outreach visit to Chinese government agencies, media and academia
10/21/13	Interview with Aju Newspaper
10/25/13	Congratulatory remarks at the 6 th East-Asia Maritime Law Forum
10/30/13	Participation at the 3 rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency on Disaster Management
11/8/13	Participation at the 8 th Panel Discussion on Culture and Peace in East Asia hosted by Chado Urasenke Tankokai
11/22/13	Telephone Interview with TBS eFM (101.3 MHz)
11/25~28/13	Outreach visit to European Union main organizations (European Commission, European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA))
1/16/14	Opening remarks at the Opening Session of the Trilateral Business Networking Events 2014 organized by TCS
1/20~25/14	Outreach visit to ASEAN Secretariat & Indonesian, Myanmar Foreign Ministry
2/3~5/14	Business Trip to Japan
2/13/14	Participation at the 6 th Annual Council Meeting of the ASEAN-Korea Centre
2/21/14	Congratulatory Remarks at the Japan-Korea Cancer Seminar
2/26/14	Participation at the International Conference on the Prospects of ASEAN-Korea Relations
3/3/14	Participation at the Opening Ceremony of the 5 th Asian Leadership Conference
3/5~7/14	Opening remarks & participation at the 2 nd Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) organized by TCS

DATE	LECTURER
3/10~11/14	Outreach visit to Japanese government agencies
3/11/14	Remarks at the Press Conference organized by Japan National Press Club, Tokyo, Japan
3/21/14	Lecture session at Dongseo University
3/24~4/1/14	Participation at the Journalist Exchange Program organized by TCS
4/15/14	Welcoming remarks for the International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2014 at the Shilla Hotel hosted by TCS
4/21/14	Congratulatory remarks at the 9 th Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum in Yangzhou, China
4/24/14	Participation at the Korea-EU Cooperation for Peace and Regional Development in Northeast Asia at Lotte Hotel
4/25/14	Interview with Sekai Nippo, Japan
5/12~13/14	Participation at Track II Dialogue on Wartime History Issues in Asia co-sponsored by TCS and Shorenstein APARC, Stanford University
5/21~23/14	Participation as a panelist for “Asia Security Outlook” at the World Economic Forum on East Asia in Manila, Philippines
5/27/14	Participation at the JoongAng Ilbo-CSIS Forum 2014 at the Westin Chosun Hotel
5/28~30/14	Participation as a panelist for “Regional Cooperation and Middle Power Diplomacy for Building a New Asia” in the 2014 Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity organized by IFANS of Korea National Diplomatic Academy
6/18/14	Participation at the Track II Dialogue on “Sharing Experiences of Confidence Building Measures” among TCS/OSCE/ARF/SCO in Tokyo, Japan, organized by TCS
6/26/14	Lecture at China Foreign Affairs University’s Trilateral Cooperation Lecture Series
6/29/14	Participation as a panelist for “Infrastructure Connectivity in Asia: Vision, Planning & Constraints” at the Boao Forum for Asia Conference in Beijing, China
7/2/14	Congratulatory remarks at the Energy Workshop, Asan Institute of Policy Studies
7/10/14	Lecture at Sungkyunkwan University
7/16/14	Opening remarks at the TCS Roundtable with ASEAN Embassies
8/12/14	Keynote speech at the Yonsei Northeast Asian Network

5. Other Trilateral Events

6th 10+3 Media Cooperation Forum

On December 6, 2013, more than 200 representatives from 45 newspapers, television stations and news agencies in the ASEAN and Plus Three countries attended the 6th 10+3 Media Cooperation Forum in Kunming, China. Media representatives agreed on the responsibilities of the media in presenting accurate and rational reports, in order to create a favorable environment for enhancing mutual trust and understanding in Asia. The TCS participated in the Forum for the first time and briefed the delegates on the progress of the trilateral cooperation.



Media representatives held in-depth discussion on various topics

9th Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum

Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo attended the 9th Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum (NATF) in Yangzhou, China on April 21–22, 2014. He gave congratulatory remarks at the welcoming banquet and attended the forum as an observer. The NATF agreed on promoting the Commonly-used 808 Chinese Characters among the three countries, a joint project that was conducted by three countries' researchers within the framework of the Forum. In particular, the NATF delegates agreed to encourage involvement and contribution of the TCS to the project.



Participants of the 9th Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum

Trilateral Sub-Sessions of Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity 2014

The TCS participated in the 9th Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity held in Jeju, ROK on May 30, 2014 and co-organized three sessions under the themes: 1) Reconciliation and Integration in Northeast Asia— Past, Present, and Future; 2) Building Cooperation Model for Low Carbon Growth: Potential of Inter-City Cooperation among Korea, Japan and China; and 3) Finding Hopes for Trilateral ‘Give Up Three’ Generations. By utilizing this platform for discussions among government bodies, the media, and the private sector as well as academic institutes, the TCS aimed to raise awareness of the significance of the trilateral cooperation, increase visibility of the TCS among the general public and explore a cooperative agenda with experts from different sectors.



TCS increased visibility among general public and explore cooperative agenda

2014 Trilateral Youth Summit

The TCS and the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-hosted the 2014 Trilateral Youth Summit in Seoul, ROK on August 25–30. This Summit aimed to discuss trilateral cooperation from the aspect of young generation and to build human networks among their peers in the three countries. Around 50 students from the three countries participated in the Summit and conducted discussion based on the lectures and activities related to Culture/ Economy/Environment which were provided by the experts in each field. On the last day of the Summit, participants discussed the importance and necessity of further trilateral cooperation.



Participants of the 2014 Trilateral Youth Summit



Trilateral Local Government Exchanges

With aims to deepen understanding of trilateral cooperation, explore measures for the development of cooperation at the local government level among the three countries, and seek to build networks among participants, the TCS participated in the 15th Trilateral Local Government Exchange Conference in Toyama, Japan on November 10–11, 2013, the 2014 Trilateral Cooperation Workshop for Public Officials in Gyeongju, ROK on May 27–28, 2014, and the 10th Trilateral Meeting of Liaoning–Gyeonggi–do–Kanagawa Governments in Shenyang, China on August 27, 2014. On these occasions, the TCS delivered congratulatory remarks, emphasizing its support for local government exchanges among the three countries.



1. Opening Session at the 15th Trilateral Local Government Exchange Conference
2. More than 100 public officials from the three countries participated in the Workshop
3. Signing ceremony for the Memorandum for the 10th Trilateral Meeting of Liaoning–Gyeonggi–do–Kanagawa Governments

6. Dignitaries and Delegations



1. Mr. Nakagawa Masaharu and Mr. Izumi Kenta, the members of the House of the Representatives of Japan
2. Meeting with the ROK Foreign Ministry correspondents
3. Ms. Kang Kyung-wha, UNOCHA Assistant Secretary-General
4. Round table with ASEAN Embassies in Seoul, ROK

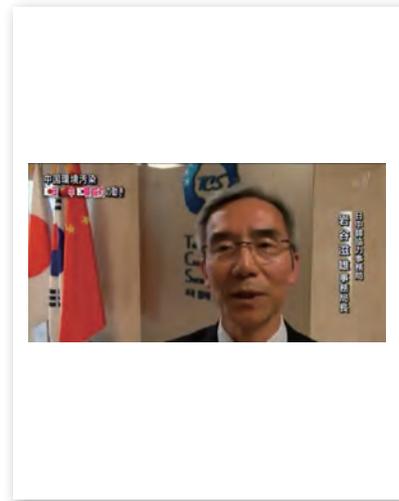




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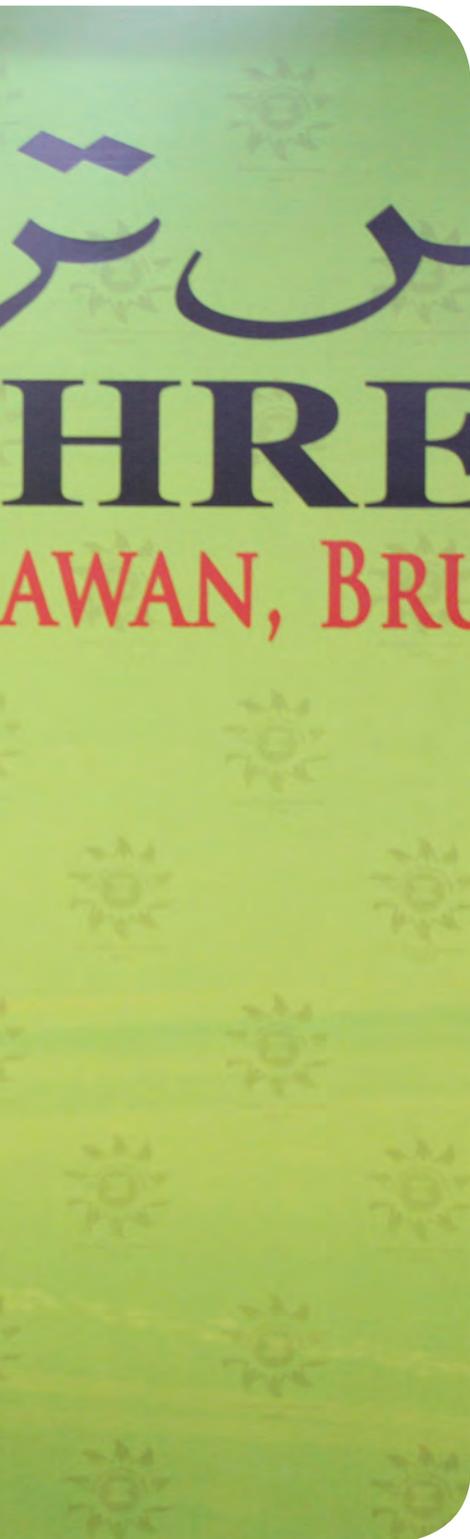
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V. Networking with Other International Organizations





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Over the past year, the TCS expanded its networking to wider range of regional and international organizations such as Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), European Union (EU) and United Nations (UN) organizations in order to increase operational and policy support for its work efficiently by conducting collaborate projects especially with United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

1. ASEAN

Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo paid a courtesy visit to Indonesia and Myanmar on January 20–25, 2014. During the visit, the TCS delegation met Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Budi Bowoleksono, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and Mr. U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar. This visit was an important, meaningful step forward in the TCS' efforts to further engage Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The visit also provided an opportunity for the TCS to directly hear from ASEAN officials their views and thoughts on the path forward for the two regions.



1. Courtesy call to Mr. U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar
2. Meeting with Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat
3. Meeting with Mr. Budi Bowoleksono, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia



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4. (from the left) DSG Mr. Chen Feng; Ambassador Tomasz Kozlowski; SG Mr. Iwatani; Mr. Viorel Budura; and DSG Mr. Lee Jong-heon at the TCS
5. Meeting with Mr. Julian Wilson, Head of Unit of Japan, Korea, Australia and New Zealand, EEAS
6. Meeting with Mr. Henrik Hololei, Deputy Secretary General, Secretariat General of European Commission

2. EU

On November 25–28, 2013, the TCS paid courtesy visit to European Union (EU) main organizations in the hopes of better understanding the experience of the EU integration process as well as strengthening the relationship between the two regional communities. During the meetings, the TCS introduced the progress of the trilateral cooperation and its activities. The two organizations agreed to strengthen information sharing in the future and offered to support the TCS in capacity building.

On February 27, 2014, Mr. Viorel Budura, Managing Director for Asia and Pacific of European External Action Service (EEAS), accompanied by Ambassador Tomasz Kozlowski, Head of the Delegation of the EU to the ROK, paid courtesy visit to the TCS. Secretary-General Mr. Iwatani Shigeo welcomed Mr. Budura's second visit and briefed him on the current situation in Northeast Asia, recent trilateral cooperation progress, TCS' recent activities, and TCS-EU collaboration.

3. UN Organizations

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)

In order to approach existing and emerging challenges in the field of disaster management, the TCS actively collaborated with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) by working closely in the 2nd TTX on Disaster Management convened on March 6–7, 2014. The TCS also participated in the 2013 Regional Humanitarian Partnerships Forum for Asia-Pacific in Phuket, the Kingdom of Thailand on November 14–15, 2013 hosted by UNOCHA.

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

The TCS worked closely with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) in order to enhance disaster risk reduction among the three countries. On March 26–28, 2014, the two organizations as well as other disaster related ministries and organizations co-organized a three-day workshop entitled the Trilateral Expert Meeting on Disaster Loss Data and DRR Technology Sharing which was held in Jeju, ROK. More than 40 participants including high level experts, scholars and policymakers from Asia and Europe made presentations and served as panelists on the main and sub themes of the workshop.



1. Mr. Watabe Masaki, Head of the OCHA Kobe Office, gave a lecture at the 2nd TTX
2. TCS participated in the 2013 Regional Humanitarian Partnerships Forum
3. TCS and UNISDR co-organized the Trilateral Expert Meeting on Disaster Loss Data and DRR Technology Sharing

4. Other Organizations

Meetings with International Organizations in the ROK

During FY2013–2014, the TCS participated twice in the Joint Meetings of the Head of Management and Administration of Seoul-based international organizations, which was held to explore possible ways to jointly promote cooperation and share ideas and best practices in the areas of administration and management. The participants were independent international organizations, which maintain their headquarters in the ROK, including Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Green Climate Fund (GCF), International Vaccine Institute (IVI), and the TCS.

On June 26, 2014, the TCS also networked with other international organizations by joining a meeting to discuss the potential for cooperation between international organizations based or stationed in the ROK and the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Participants of the Joint Meetings of the Head of Management and Administration of Seoul-based International Organizations

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VI. Compiling Database and Conducting Research



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Compiling Database and Conducting Research

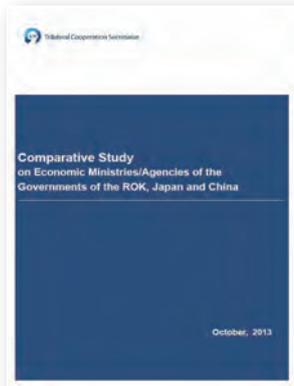




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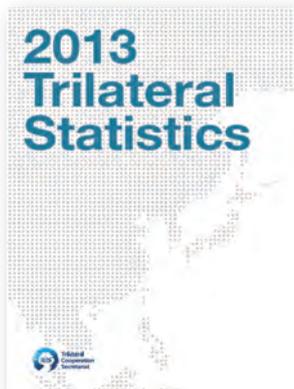
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The TCS has expanded its information sharing function by releasing a number of publications, many of which are available to the public. At the same time, it continued to grow its database on the TCS website in order to provide comprehensive information on trilateral consultative mechanisms among the ministries and agencies from the three countries.



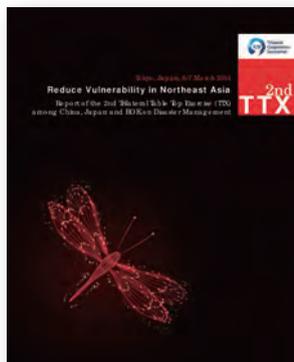
1. Comparative Study on Economic Ministries/Agencies of the Governments of the ROK, Japan and China

The TCS independently conducted a comparative study on economic ministries/agencies of the ROK, Japan and China in October 2013, in order to improve understanding of organizational structures of three governments' ministries/agencies and to facilitate further institutionalization of the trilateral economic cooperation. It provides a database of ministries/agencies at the department level with their functions and contact information to serve as a knowledge base for public understanding of trilateral economic cooperation.



2. 2013 Trilateral Statistics

The 2013 Trilateral Statistics booklet contains facts and figures from economic relations among the three countries as well as each country's current economic situation. Indicators on macro-economy, population and resources paint a picture of the overall economic situation while indicators on intra-regional trade, investment, and movement of people reveal the close connections among the three countries and the driving force for regional integration.



3. 2nd TTX on Disaster Management Report

The 2nd Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management Report includes conclusions and recommendations from the exercise, which was held in March 2014, and an overview of disaster management systems in the three countries. Copies of the Report were distributed to relevant disaster management agencies as well as the public of the three countries, with an aim to promote mutual understanding of disaster management practices and policies of each of the three countries.



4. Into the Three Countries (available in Japanese, Chinese and Korean)

“Into the Three Countries: A Handbook about China, Japan and Korea” was produced to promote the public’s understanding of the three countries. It was created for people who want to learn unique facts as well as general information about the three countries, while also displaying beautiful pictures and statistical information. Following the English version, the book is now available in Japanese, Chinese and Korean.



5. International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2014 Final Outcome Report

The International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation (IFTC) 2014 Final Outcome Report is the first attempt to publish the record of IFTC which has been held since 2011. It is designed to promote the ideas and recommendations discussed in the forum and to utilize as an essential reference in exploring possible roles of the TCS and setting the future agenda for trilateral cooperation.countries and the driving force for regional integration.



6. 2014 Trilateral Economic Research Report

The TCS conducted 2014 Trilateral Economic Research with an aim to follow up on the economic development and integration among the three countries in the last two years with a comprehensive understanding of the trilateral cooperation. The research was outsourced to Ms. Zhang Qi, who is the Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director-General of the Research Department of Foreign Economic Relations at the Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council of China. The analysis and contents of the research cover the following areas: 1) macro-economy; 2) trade; 3) investment; 4) financial integration; 5) movement of people; 6) transport and 7) industrial cooperation.

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ORGANIZATION

The Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) was established as an international organization in September, 2011 in Seoul. The vision of the TCS is to promote peace and common prosperity among Japan, China and the ROK. The TCS consists of a Consultative Board and four Departments. The Consultative Board, the executive decision-making body of the organization, is comprised of a Secretary-General and two Deputy Secretary-Generals. The Secretary-General is appointed on a two-year rotational basis in the order of the ROK, Japan, and China. Each country other than the one of the Secretary-General nominates a Deputy Secretary-General respectively. Under the Consultative Board, there are the Departments of Political Affairs, Economic Affairs, Social and Cultural Affairs, and Management. The four Departments are composed of Professional Staff who are government officials seconded by the three countries, and General Services Staff recruited through open competition from the three countries.

FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- (1) Provide administrative and technical support for the operation and management of such trilateral consultative mechanisms among the three countries as the Trilateral Summit Meeting, the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Three-Party Committee and other ministerial meetings, and the Trilateral Senior Foreign Affairs Officials' Consultation and send, if necessary, its representatives to attend major consultative mechanisms;
- (2) Communicate and coordinate with the three countries and, if necessary, with other international organizations, particularly with other East Asian cooperation mechanisms;
- (3) Explore and identify potential cooperative projects among the three countries, and report those projects to the relevant consultative mechanisms for adoption;
- (4) Evaluate the cooperative projects and draft reports on them, compile necessary documents into database, and submit annual progress reports to the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting for approval; and
- (5) Conduct research on important issues related to the trilateral cooperation, manage the TCS' website, and promote understanding of the trilateral cooperation.

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