

**THE THIRD TRILATERAL EDUCATION MINISTERS' MEETING  
AMONG THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
AND JAPAN**

**JOINT STATEMENT**

We, the Education Ministers of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Japan, convoked the 3rd Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting in Beijing on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

In retrospect, on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the Sixth China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Summit Meeting was held in Seoul, ROK. During this meeting, the three leaders attached the importance of education to mutual understanding and common development for the three countries, and jointly agreed to convene Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting. On Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, during the 8<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-ROK Summit Meeting held in Chengdu, China, the three leaders reiterated the need to strengthen education cooperation and exchanges among the three countries.

The Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Korean Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education expressed their appreciation to the Chinese Minister of Education for his great efforts to host this Meeting.

We welcomed the continued involvement of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) for the Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting, and would like to strengthen intercommunication with TCS to jointly promote education cooperation among the three countries.

We reiterated the following consensus: strengthening the education cooperation among the three countries conforms to the spirit of sharing and collaboration among neighboring countries; exerts significant influence on the cultivation of innovative talents; and promotes world peace and prosperity ultimately. To achieve these objectives, we agreed to continue the following:

### **To promote youth exchanges and mutual understanding**

We reaffirmed the importance of promoting mutual understanding among youth for the three countries, providing youth with opportunities to experience different cultures and lifestyles. In this respect, we agreed and decided to implement more youth exchange programmes among the three countries.

We made positive comments to the important role of the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> China-Japan-ROK College Students Exchange Programme and China-Japan-ROK Children's Story Exchange Programme, both have deepened the mutual understanding and established friendship among the youth of the three countries.

We welcomed China to host China-Japan-ROK students exchange activities in 2020.

### **To promote the establishment of Asian Higher Education Community through the expansion of the CAMPUS Asia Programme**

We highly commended the positive role of CAMPUS Asia which have developed dual-degree programmes and joint courses as well as scholar/student exchanges among the three countries, and expressed our

intention to continue to promote this programme.

We welcomed the concept and a broader direction of the Expansion Scheme of CAMPUS Asia, while recognizing the importance of quality assurance.

We agreed to continue to support pragmatic trilateral consultations on the next step development of CAMPUS Asia, prospecting the project to be upgraded by reflecting the results of the monitoring as it enters its third phase.

We agreed to continue to strengthen China-Japan-ROK university exchanges by: laying legal, institutional and procedural foundation; encouraging high-level dual-degree programmes, joint courses and implementation of scholar/student exchange programmes. In this regard, we confirmed the progress of the China-Japan-ROK Joint Study on Mutual Recognition of Degrees conducted by TCS and will cooperate with TCS to develop the CAMPUS Asia Alumni Network.

### **To expand cooperation areas and lift education to serve communities**

Based on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN Sustainable Development Summit, we reaffirmed the importance of education for the sustainable development to mankind and the world. We initiated to work together for an education system to serve lifelong learning for all.

We initiated trilateral education cooperation of talents cultivation to meet the challenges together of the aging society and the declining population of children.

We recognized the important role of trilateral education cooperation for

promoting regional and global education, reaffirmed to maintain closer cooperation and enhance multilateral cooperation by means of combined efforts in ASEAN Plus 3, EAS and ASEM, etc.

Finally, we welcomed the 4<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Education Ministers' Meeting to be held in ROK in 2021.