

The Fifth Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Sports Ministers' Meeting 2024 Tokyo Joint Statement

We, Abe Toshiko, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, Zhang Jiasheng, Vice Minister of General Administration of Sports of the People's Republic of China (China), and Choi Bo keun, Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Korea (ROK), (hereinafter, "the Three Sides") attended the 5th Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Sports Ministers' Meeting held on 15 December 2024 in Tokyo, Japan.

The Three Sides:

Welcomed the first in-person meeting in six years due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

Congratulated all the athletes and teams of the three countries on their achievements at Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

Reaffirmed the value and power of sports to inspire people and give them dreams and hopes across countries, generations, and, at times, difficulties;

Reviewed the common goals set forth in the 2016 PyeongChang Declaration, 2018 Tokyo Action Plan, 2020 Beijing Joint Statement, and 2023 Seoul Joint Declaration and based on the Joint Declaration of the Ninth ROK-Japan-China Trilateral Summit in May 2024; and

Consented, as representatives of the leading sports nations in Asia, to further enhance and develop sports promotion, exchanges, and cooperation through mutual cooperation among the three countries that will lead to peace and sustainable development among the three countries and in the Asian region, as follows.

I. Promotion of trilateral sports exchanges and cooperation

1. Mutual collaboration and knowledge sharing

- ① Mutual cooperation for the success of large-scale international sports competitions and events

The Three Sides expressed their congratulations on the success of Hangzhou 2022 Asian and Asian Para Games and Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games held after the Fourth Trilateral Sports Ministers' Meeting, and consented to share and promote the legacy of these Games and the past Olympic and Paralympic Games held in the three countries, and mutually cooperate and share knowledge to ensure the success and sustainable event management of future major sports events hosted by each country, including the following events:

- 2025 Summer Deaflympics
- 2025 World Athletics Championship
- 2025 Asian Winter Games
- 2025 World Games
- 2026 Asian Games and Asian Para Games
- 2027 Summer World University Games

② Continued cooperation in the field of anti-doping

As representative countries in Asia in the field of anti-doping, the Three Sides will promote mutual cooperation to achieve clean sports.

③ People-to-people exchanges in high performance sports

The Three Sides will aim to further promote high performance sports through expanded people-to-people exchanges in this area among the three countries and will support closer collaboration among sports-related organizations at the national level in each country, particularly through the Asian Conference on Sport Science (ACSS) and other opportunities.

④ Preventing harassment and defamation directed at athletes

The Three Sides will share policies and best practices to prevent harassment and defamation including on social media directed at athletes so that all athletes can devote themselves to sports and demonstrate their abilities in a safe environment.

2. Youth exchanges through sports

Recognizing the achievements of the various sports exchanges carried out among the three countries up to now, the Three Sides will support their continued implementation and initiatives to produce further outcomes.

In particular, as youth exchanges contribute to the healthy development of young people with an international perspective and the qualities to lead the future while deepening their mutual understanding, the Three Sides will support the continued holding of the Trilateral Junior Sports Exchange Meet and the Trilateral Youth Winter Sports Exchange, which will be held for the first time in ROK in January 2025.

In addition, the Three Sides will promote the assessment of the outcomes of bilateral sports exchanges and discussion on their future direction to ensure effective implementation of these exchanges.

II. Enhancement of the socio-economic value of sports among the three countries and throughout the Asian region

Based on the fact that the potential power of sports to bring about social change and resolve various social issues is attracting greater international attention than ever before, the Three Sides consented to further bolster exchanges and cooperation in the following areas in particular, believing that collaboration among the three countries in various fields related to sports and social change will have a positive impact on each other's policy formulation and project implementation, which will not only contribute to solving social issues in their own countries but also serving as a role model for the Asian region and the world.

1. Promoting health and improving well-being through sports

With the aging of their populations and rising medical expenditures, promoting health and improving well-being through sports is a common theme for the three countries and one of the most important pillars in each country's sports policy. In light of this, the Three Sides consented to share policies and leading-edge practices that meet the mutual needs of each country. The Three Sides also consented to share policy measures and good practices with regard to the development of regular physical exercise habits and the improvement of physical fitness, which are the cornerstones of lifelong physical fitness and athletic ability.

2. Realizing an inclusive society through the promotion of parasports

Recognizing that the promotion of parasports including through the holding of major parasports events should be leveraged to advance the social inclusion of people with disabilities, the Three Sides will support the sharing of information and the implementation of joint projects through mutual collaboration among the relevant organizations in the three countries.

3. Promoting the sports industry and sports tourism

The growth and the international expansion of the sports industry is another common interest of the three countries and one of the fundamental policies that aim for creating the socio-economic value of sports. Accordingly, the Three Sides will encourage and support exchanges and cooperation for expanding the sports market, including through friendly matches in professional sports leagues, and for sharing policy measures and best practices that meet the mutual needs of the three countries.

The Three Sides will also promote inbound and outbound sports tourism and encourage and support exchanges and cooperation for expanding each other's markets.

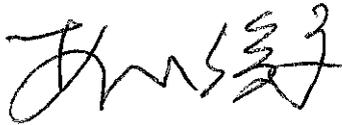
III. Others

The Three Sides decided to hold the Sixth Trilateral Sports Ministers' Meeting in China in 2026.

This Declaration was signed on 15 December 2024 as a non-legally binding document in the Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English languages, all texts having equal value. In the case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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