

The Trilateral Joint Statement on Disaster Management Cooperation

July 14, 2022, via virtual conference

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 7th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management on July 14, 2022 via virtual conference.

We expressed our heartfelt condolences to the victims for the loss of lives and damages to property caused by natural disasters including typhoons, floods, earthquakes, and landslides, large scale accidents, and the COVID-19 pandemic that took place not only in Japan, China, and Korea but also around the world.

Recognizing that the three countries are experiencing more frequent and catastrophic natural disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, and floods, we reconfirmed the importance and significance of trilateral cooperation on disaster management, due to our geographical proximity, and called for pursuing sustainable development and protecting people's lives as top priorities.

We reviewed the outcomes of the 6th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management and shared the recent disasters and countermeasures against them, and the progress of effective and practical measures towards disaster risk reduction in the three countries.

With the aim to improve disaster prevention capacity of Japan, China, and

Korea by sharing prevention policies on disasters, we decided to actively promote cooperation among the three countries as follows:

1. Recognizing that the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 will be conducted in 2023, ensure the steady implementation of the Framework. Enhance the capacity in disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, and promote information and experience sharing among the three countries on the implementation of “Build Back Better”, stipulated in the Sendai Framework. In addition, 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 the Sendai Framework.
2. Taking into account the fact that natural disasters are increasing in intensity and frequency due to climate change, strengthen capacities to respond to various natural disasters such as promoting both structural and non-structural measures for disaster risk prevention and reduction, enhancing early warning systems and public awareness to ensure prompt and effective evacuation, and strengthening response measures to meet the basic subsistence needs of disaster-affected people.
3. Give full play to the existing international and regional education and training institutions 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 carry out the trilateral cooperation on training such as capacity building on disaster management and risk reduction.

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 a consensus on the People's Republic of China's hosting of the 8th Trilateral Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management. We confirmed this Joint Statement written in English via virtual conference on July 14, 2022.