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Foreword



It is a genuine delight for me to introduce the Annual Report of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), which covers the first year (September 2011 – August 2012) of the TCS activities since its establishment.

Building a new organization is an exhilarating venture that requires hard work, determination, and persistence. This is especially so when it involves pulling together resources and manpower across national borders. Since taking office in September 2011 as the first Secretary-General of the TCS, my main priority has been to establish the basic, and yet essential infrastructure for the organization, from renting an office space at the busy corner of downtown Seoul to building a comprehensive web-based database of trilateral cooperation. With firm support and cooperation from the three governments, my deputies and I have now built one of a kind, dynamic organization, bringing together dedicated and capable staff from all three countries.

As the report illustrates, the TCS has been striving to bring synergy and cohesion to the implementation of trilateral initiatives across the board. The TCS has actively participated in trilateral summits, ministerial meetings such as the Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Trade Ministers' Meeting and Agricultural Ministers' Meeting, as well as other working-level meetings. Through participating in these meetings, the TCS is charting its role in supporting more than 50 consultative mechanisms and a diverse agenda that include Trilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and disaster management. In addition, the TCS has focused its efforts on public diplomacy, engaging not only the media, but also business, academic, and government circles in the region.

According to an ancient proverb, "A cord of three strands is not easily broken." Just as a cord of three strands, trilateral cooperation bolstered by strong support from all three countries will remain robust in spite of difficulties. That is why the TCS is dedicated to spreading the vision of trilateral cooperation and to forging a real, substantive bond not only at the government, but also at the people-to-people level. Now with the key infrastructure in place, I believe that the TCS is set to take on a more integral role in promoting trilateral cooperation all across the region.

Entering into the second year, the TCS will continue to strive to fulfill its original mandates and to become a full-fledged cooperation hub for the three countries. As the TCS charts a blueprint for cooperation in Northeast Asia, I hope all of you can join us in this pioneering effort.

Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat

Highlights for the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat



Opening Ceremony of the TCS, September 27, 2011
(From left to right) Ambassador of Japan Masatoshi Mutou, ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Kim Sung-hwan, Secretary-General Shin Bong-kil, Ambassador of China Zhang Xinsen



Establishment of the TCS (Sep, 2011)

To contribute to the further promotion of cooperative relations among the three countries and in accordance with the 2nd Trilateral Summit's decision in October 2009 and the Agreement on the Establishment of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat signed by the three countries in December 2010, the TCS was officially launched in September 2011 in Seoul.



Opening Ceremony of the TCS (Sep, 2011)

The Opening Ceremony of the TCS received special support and attention from the three countries on September 27, 2011.



Visit by Former Japanese Prime Minister, Hatoyama Yukio (Oct, 2011)

Former Japanese Prime Minister Hatoyama Yukio visited the TCS office and met with Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the TCS and the staff.



Visit by Former State Councilor of China, Tang Jiaxuan (Oct, 2011)

Former State Councilor of China, Tang Jiaxuan visited the TCS office and met with Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the TCS and the staff.



International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2011 (Oct, 2011)

The International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation 2011 was held to commemorate the launch of the TCS in Seoul, ROK on October 19, 2011 under the theme of "Toward a New Era of Peace and Common Prosperity in Northeast Asia: Commemorating the launch of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat."



Launching Ceremony of the TCS Website (Apr, 2012)

On the occasion of the Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting held in Ningbo, China, on April 8, 2012, the Launching Ceremony of the TCS Website was convened with the participation of Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, Kim Sung-hwan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of ROK, Gemba Koichiro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, together with Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the TCS.



Participation in the Trilateral Summits (May, 2012)

The delegation of the TCS, headed by Secretary General Shin Bong-kil, participated in the 11th Trilateral Summit on the occasion of the ASEAN+3 Summit on November 19, 2011, and the 5th Trilateral Summit on May 13, 2012.

2008-2012 Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation

among the People's Republic of China,
the Republic of Korea and Japan



2008-2012 Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation

The TCS compiled the 2008-2012 Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation. The report was submitted to the 6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting on April 8, 2012. After approval, it was also submitted to the 5th Trilateral Summit on May 13, 2012.

Spotlights for Trilateral Cooperation

FY 2011 (September 2011 – August 2012) was a year of whirlwind developments for trilateral cooperation, but also one where the three countries moved steadily towards the common goals of the stability, development and prosperity of the region and the world at large.

Building on the momentum of cooperation for 13 years, the leaders of the three countries met two times during FY 2011. The **11th Trilateral Summit on the occasion of the ASEAN+3 Summit** was held on November 19, 2011, and the **5th Trilateral Summit** on May 13, 2012. The leaders of the China, the ROK, and Japan engaged in an in-depth discussion on further enhancing the trilateral cooperation, promoting common development among the three countries as well as making contributions to the stability, development and prosperity of the region and the world at large. The three leaders also welcomed the establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat in September 2011.



FY 2011 is also marked by momentous progress in the institutionalization of trilateral economic cooperation, highlighted by the signing of the Trilateral Agreement for the Promotion, Facilitation and Protection of Investment and the decision to launch the **Trilateral FTA negotiation** within 2012.



The **1st Trilateral Agricultural Ministers' Meeting** was held in Jeju, ROK on April 15, 2012, fulfilling the three leaders' decision to explore tripartite cooperation mechanisms in the agricultural sector at the 2nd Trilateral Summit in 2009.



In order to establish a better understanding of the three countries' respective Asian policies, the **1st Trilateral Policy Dialogue** on Asian Affairs was held on March 5, 2012. The three countries agreed to maintain the momentum of the consultation and continue to explore ways to enhance communication and cooperation in Asian affairs.

The **CAMPUS Asia program** was launched in 2012, to promote cooperation and mutual understanding among the universities and students of the three countries. The opening ceremony of the CAMPUS Asia was held as a side event of the 5th Trilateral Summit.





The 6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Providing Support for Trilateral Consultative Mechanisms

第六次中日韩外长会议

The 6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting among
the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Japan

2012年4月8日 中国 宁波 Ningbo, China 8 April 2012



“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”

— Article 3 of *the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS*

With a view to actively engaging in existing trilateral cooperation mechanisms, the TCS has attended Summits as well as Ministerial-level Meetings. The TCS drafted summary records of these meetings, detailing key decisions, deliverables and other action items for the reference of the three governments. In the case of the Foreign Ministers’ Meeting held on April 8, 2012, Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the TCS submitted the 2008-2012 Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation to the Ministers of the three countries. He also briefed on the overall achievements of trilateral cooperation, and reported the progress and activities of the TCS that it had carried out since its launch.

In addition, the TCS provided media support in order to help ensure broad coverage on the progress in trilateral cooperation. Joint Statements adopted at the Meetings were shared immediately on the TCS official website, along with the highlights and accomplishments.

While continuing to raise its impact and relevance through participation in trilateral consultative mechanisms, the TCS has expanded channels for front-line consultations and coordination with field experts.

List of Trilateral Meetings with TCS Participation

*Countries are listed based on the order of the chair country.

1. TRILATERAL SUMMIT, FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING

The 11th Trilateral Summit on the Occasion of the ASEAN+3 Summit

DATE	November 19, 2011
VENUE	Bali, Indonesia
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	Japan Noda Yoshihiko, Prime Minister (Chair) China Wen Jiabao, Premier ROK Lee Myung-bak, President TCS Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General



The 5th Trilateral Summit

DATE	May 13, 2012
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China Wen Jiabao, Premier (Chair) ROK Lee Myung-bak, President Japan Noda Yoshihiko, Prime Minister TCS Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General



The 6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting

DATE	April 8, 2012
VENUE	Ningbo, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China Yang Jiechi, Foreign Minister (Chair) ROK Kim Sung-hwan, Foreign Minister Japan Gemba Koichiro, Foreign Minister TCS Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General



The 7th Trilateral Senior Officials' Consultation Meeting (SOM)

DATE	March 5, 2012
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China Fu Ying, Vice-Foreign Minister (Chair) ROK Kim Jae-shin, Vice-Foreign Minister Japan Bessho Koro, Vice Foreign Minister TCS Matsukawa Rui, Deputy Secretary-General



2. MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

(DISASTER MANAGEMENT, AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC & TRADE, TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS)

The 2nd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management

DATE	October 28, 2011
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China Luo Pingfei, Vice Minister of Civil Affairs (Chair) ROK Li Ki-Hwan, Administrator, National Emergency Management Agency Japan Goto Hitoshi, Minister of State for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office TCS Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General



The 1st Trilateral Agricultural Ministers' Meeting

DATE	April 15, 2012
VENUE	Jeju, ROK
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	ROK Suh Kyu-yong, Minister for Food, Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (Chair) Japan Kano Michihiko, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries China Han Changfu, Minister of Agriculture TCS Matsukawa Rui, Deputy Secretary-General



The 9th Trilateral Economic and Trade Ministers' Meeting

DATE	May 12, 2012
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce (Chair) ROK Bark Tae-ho, Minister for Trade Japan Edano Yukio, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry TCS Zhang Haying, Chief Economic Official



The 4th Trilateral Ministerial Conference on Transport and Logistics

DATE	July 16, 2012
VENUE	Busan, ROK
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	ROK Kwon Do-young, Minister of Land Transport and Maritime Affairs (Chair) Japan Okuda Ken, Senior Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Tourism China Li Shenglin, Minister of Transport TCS Matsukawa Rui, Deputy Secretary-General




3. JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE FOR A TRILATERAL FTA, TRILATERAL BUSINESS SUMMIT, TRILATERAL FRIENDSHIP CITY EXCHANGE CONFERENCE

The 7th Joint Study Committee for China-Japan-ROK for an FTA	
DATE	December 14-16, 2011
VENUE	Pyeongchang, ROK
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	ROK Choi Seok Young, Deputy Minister for FTA (Chair) Japan Shinichi Nishimiya, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Hideichi Okada, Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry China Chong Quan, Deputy China International Trade Representative, Ministry of Commerce TCS Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General



Business Summit zFoon the Occasion of the 5th Trilateral Summit	
DATE	May 14, 2012
VENUE	Beijing, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China Wen Jiabao, Premier (Chair) ROK Lee Myung-bak, President Japan Yoshihiko Noda, Prime Minister TCS Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General



The 14th Trilateral Friendship City Exchange Conference	
DATE	July 31, 2012
VENUE	Kunming, Yunnan province, China
MAIN PARTICIPANTS	China Chinese Association of Friendship with Foreign Countries (CAFFC), Yunnan provincial government ROK Korean Governor's Office (KGO) Japan Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) TCS Lee Dae-joong, Chief Political Official



Exploring and Facilitating Cooperative Projects



“Explore and identify potential cooperative projects among the three countries, and report those projects to the relevant consultative mechanisms for adoption”

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

1. DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Under common threats of natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes, the three countries have paid great attention to and actively promoted disaster prevention and management cooperation. Hence, the TCS has focused its efforts on enhancing cooperation in this field by establishing of the Trilateral Network of Focal Points/Experts for Disaster Management and hosting the Preparatory Meeting for the Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX).

Trilateral Network of Focal Points/Experts for Disaster Management

The Trilateral Network of Focal Points/Experts for Disaster Management serves as a focal point for communication and disseminates accurate information. The TCS plays the role of a liaison between the related focal points and provides support and service for better communication and information sharing among the three countries.

Preparatory Meeting for the Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management

The Preparatory Meeting for the Trilateral Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Disaster Management was held at the TCS on September 12, 2012. The meeting was attended by officials from the three countries in charge of disaster management and international cooperation. They introduced the overall picture of the disaster management system of their own country, and conducted fruitful discussion on specific arrangements for the 1st Trilateral TTX.



2. YOUTH EXCHANGE - CAMPUS CARAVAN

The TCS implemented 'Campus Caravan', an exchange program among college students from the three countries that are studying at the universities located in the provincial areas in the ROK. This program was sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the ROK and the TCS. The program provided a meaningful experience for the students to exchange views on various areas of cooperation for the three countries.



3. INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON TRILATERAL FTA

The TCS co-hosted the International Seminar on Trilateral FTA with the Korea Institute of International Economic Policy (KIEP) in order to help raise public awareness of the Trilateral FTA. With the attendance of Choi Kyung-lim, Deputy Minister for Trade at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the ROK, the TCS-KIEP invited 8 distinguished scholars to give presentations on the trilateral FTA and its prospects.



Promoting Understanding of the Trilateral Cooperation

Former Prime Minister of Japan
Yukio Hatoyama

Yukio Hatoyama

国共生友愛
鳩山由紀夫

“... and promote understanding of the trilateral cooperation”

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

As a newly established organization, increasing the TCS’s profile with a view to spreading the vision of trilateral cooperation far and wide has been a key priority. The TCS has put forward a range of publicity initiatives, engaging not only the media, but business, academic, policy circles within the region.

1. INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR TRILATERAL COOPERATION 2011

The International Forum for Trilateral Cooperation was held to celebrate the official launch of the TCS in Seoul on October 19, 2011. The forum was co-hosted by the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the TCS in partnership with Chosun Media. Lee Hong-koo, former Prime Minister of ROK, Hatoyama Yukio, former Prime Minister of Japan and Tang Jiaxuan, former State Councilor of China attended the forum and delivered keynote speeches. Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the TCS made a presentation to introduce the significance and roles of the TCS. More than 100 officials, scholars, business leaders, as well as journalists from the three countries took part in the forum. The forum provided an opportunity for participants to have an in-depth discussion on enhancing trilateral cooperation as well as exploring future roles of the TCS.



2. DIGNITARIES AND DELEGATIONS

Key foreign dignitaries and delegations from both within and outside the region including the United States, the European Union, and Africa have visited the TCS office and expressed their interest and support for the TCS’s significance and future role.



Stanford University Aparc Delegation (December 12, 2011)



Former US Envoy to North Korea Ambassador Jack Pritchard

3. OPEN HOUSE

The TCS Open House was held on May 23, 2012 at the TCS, for the purpose of introducing the office and promoting the trilateral cooperation to the general public. More than 100 participants including government officials, representatives from international organizations and private businesses as well as university teachers and students participated in the event.

During the event, the TCS exhibited photos regarding the trilateral cooperation and showed the videos introducing the TCS' activities as well as the videos on three countries' culture and tradition. The participants enjoyed famous music of the three countries, such as "Arirang", "Jasmine Flower" and "Sakura", performed by the trilateral band with traditional musical instruments. They also actively participated in quiz sessions related to the TCS and trilateral cooperation.



4. OUTREACH

The TCS has maintained close contacts with media of the three countries and advocated the historical significance of trilateral partnership. As an important means to promote public understanding of the trilateral cooperation, Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the TCS, in the following media interviews and conference speeches, reiterated his support for the recent development in the cooperation among the three countries.



The major media interviews and conference speeches are listed as follows:

DATE	Interviews and Speeches
2011.10.27	Keynote Speech at the International Symposium on China-Japan-ROK Trilateral Cooperation on Disaster Prevention and Relief hosted by China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), Beijing, China
2011.11.03	Participated as a panelist at the Asia Economic Community Forum (“The Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat and its Future Role) 1
2011.11.29	Lecture at Seoul National University, Dept. of Political Science and International Relations
2011.12.01	Keynote Speech at the Sejong University Conference on Economic Integration (“Towards an Era of Peace and Common Prosperity in Northeast Asia”)
2011.12.18	Interview with the Global Times 2
2011.12.22	Interview with the Daily NNA (News Net Asia)
2011.12.22	Interview with JoongAng Daily – Special Column for New Year ‘Asianomics’
2012.3.26	Lecture at the Korea University GSIS
2012.3.28	Keynote Speech at the 5th Asia Pacific Financial Forum hosted by Aju News Corporation (“Global Economic Uncertainties and the Trilateral Cooperation”)
2012.4.1-2	Participation in 2012 Boao Forum for Asia, Bo’ao, Hainan, China
2012.4.25	Lecture at the Waseda University
2012.4.16	Speech at the 7th Northeast Asia Trilateral Forum (NATF)
2012.5.7	Keynote speech at the Trilateral Symposium on New Growth Engine Industries and Ecosystemic Development
2012.5.14	Interview with China Daily 3
2012.5.22	Interview with Chosun Ilbo 4
2012.8.16	Speech at ROK-China Joint Experts Committee for the Development of Strategic and Cooperative Partnership
2012.8.16	Interview with Maeil Business Newspaper
2012.8.16	Speech at Korea-China Joint Experts Committee for the Development of Strategic and Cooperative Partnership
2012.9.5	Keynote Remarks at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Roundtable 5
2012.9.6	Meeting with President Jane Harman of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
2012.9.7	Lecture at the Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies SAIS, Johns Hopkins University 6 7

Networking with other International Organizations

“Communicate and coordinate with the three countries and, if necessary, with other international organizations, particularly with other East Asian cooperation mechanisms”

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

The TCS has been actively establishing networks with other regional/international organizations such as the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), EU (European Union), SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic and Research Office (AMRO). The TCS conducted mutual visits with the Secretariats of these regional bodies to explore issues of common interests and possible ways to develop future cooperation.

1. ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN)

Since its establishment in 2011, the TCS has been actively building up partnership relations with ASEAN and learning from its experience of coordinating among ASEAN countries in the regional integration process. The TCS received an office visit from the ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives (ACPR) and paid a visit to the ASEAN Secretariat.

On July 23 2012, members of the ACPR headed by Kan Pharidh, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to ASEAN, along with Nyan Lynn, Deputy Secretary for ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) visited the TCS during their outreach trip to Seoul organized by the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. After a brief introduction of the TCS, Shin Bong-kil, Secretary-General of the TCS and the ACPR delegation held candid discussions on various issues such as future direction of East Asian cooperation and ASEAN's perspectives on trilateral cooperation. Both sides agreed on the need for further strengthening the partnership between ASEAN and the three countries and enhancing inter Secretariat dialogue and collaboration in the future.

In addition, on August 2, 2012, the TCS delegation headed by DSG Mao Ning visited the ASEAN Secretariat and met with Nyan Lynn, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Political-Security Community. The two secretariats agreed to promote frequent exchange and to work towards strengthening cooperation between the Trilateral Cooperation and ASEAN.



2. EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

The TCS has been actively establishing contacts with the European Union and its relevant agencies. Tomasz Kozlowski, head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Korea and Shin Bong-kil, Secretary General of the TCS met several times throughout the year to exchange know-hows and experiences on regional cooperation.

Klaus Hansch, former President of the European Parliament visited the TCS in December, 2011 and shared European experiences of regional integration and the EU's responsibilities in the recent global financial crisis.



3. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) / ASEAN+3 MACROECONOMIC AND RESEARCH OFFICE (AMRO)

The TCS delegation visited the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat in Singapore on July 9-10, 2012. The TCS Deputy Secretary-General Matsukawa Rui met with the APEC Secretariat Executive Director Muhamad Noor Yacob, Administration Director Richard Grosse, Program Directors, Finance Director and Communication and Public Affairs Director respectively. Through this meeting, the TCS established contacts with the APEC Secretariat, laying the base for partnership for future information exchange and cooperation.

On the same occasion, the TCS also paid a visit to the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic and Research Office (AMRO) on July 9, 2012. The TCS and the AMRO agreed to share the links in their official websites. The two Secretariats agreed to work closely and share information in the finance field in a timely manner.



4. SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (SCO) / ASEAN-CHINA CENTRE

The TCS delegation headed by Director of Management Choi Kwang-jin visited the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Secretariat on June 19, 2012. The SCO Secretariat applauded the outreach work of the TCS and echoed the significance of cooperation among international organizations. The two secretariats agreed to promote exchange and to work towards strengthening cooperation.

The TCS also visited the ASEAN-China Center (ACC) Secretariat and met with ACC Secretary- General Ma Mingqiang to share the importance of cooperation between two international organizations which have been recently established for strengthening the peace and prosperity in East Asia.





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Deputy Secretary-General MATSUKAWA Rui met the Former Japanese Prime Minister AS...

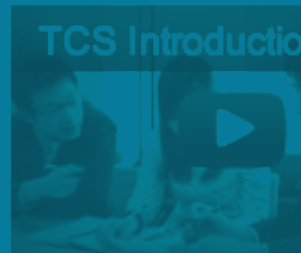


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Compiling Database and Conducting Research



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DATABASE

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of the TCS
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- Culture
- Tourism

“ 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; Conduct research on important issues related to the trilateral cooperation, manage the TCS’ website, and promote understanding of the trilateral cooperation”

— Article 3 of *the Agreement on the Establishment of the TCS*

Serving as an information center for trilateral cooperation is at the core of the TCS work. Therefore, the TCS has compiled a comprehensive database and constructed a website available in English and the languages of the three countries. In addition, the TCS has conducted research on important issues related to the trilateral cooperation.

1. 2008-2012 PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TRILATERAL COOPERATION

With kind cooperation and support from the relevant ministries and agencies, the TCS compiled the 2008-2012 Progress Report of the Trilateral Cooperation and submitted to the 6th Trilateral Foreign Ministers Meeting and the 5th Trilateral Summit. The TCS is ready to draft the report annually, so as to provide a comprehensive picture of the trilateral cooperation.

2. TRILATERAL STATISTICS BOOKLET AND RESEARCH ON THE TRILATERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION

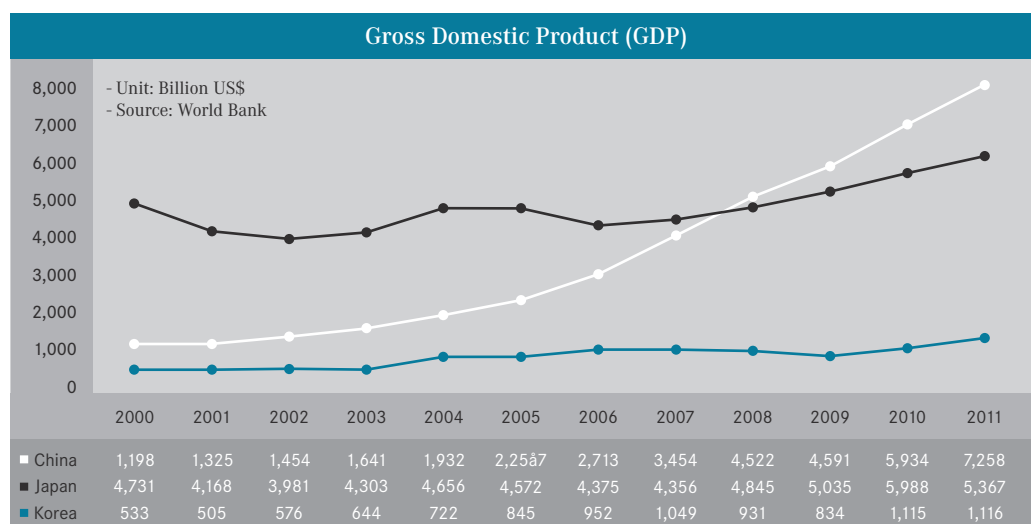
The TCS initiated the compilation of the Trilateral Statistics Booklet and the research on the trilateral economic situation, aiming at professional, in-depth, and comprehensive analysis of the current economic situation and future outlook of the three countries.

The project began by collecting comprehensive and detailed statistical data from the authorities of the three countries and international organizations. Based on the collected statistical data, the researchers conducted an analysis of economic interrelations among the three countries. The outcome of the research in the form of a statistics booklet and a report shall provide references to both officials and the general public, fostering deeper understanding on the economic situation among the three countries.

In addition, the in-depth analysis on the current situation and the general economic trend in the three countries would explore challenges and opportunities and propose policy recommendations for reference which, in turn, will contribute to the enhancement of a trilateral economic partnership.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)					
Year	World	China	Japan	Korea	
2007	55,795	3,494	4,356	1,049	- Unit: Billion US\$ - Current GDP - At Current Prices
2008	61,213	4,522	4,849	931	
2009	57,876	4,991	5,035	834	
2010	63,135	5,931	5,488	1,015	
2011	69,972	7,928	5,867	1,116	

Source: World Bank



3. TRILATERAL RESEARCH SEMINAR

With 15 years of development, the cooperation among ASEAN and Plus Three countries (China, the ROK and Japan) has made significant progress. In face of evolving new international and regional situations, the cooperation is also facing challenges. To meet up with challenges and explore new opportunities, the TCS held the Trilateral Research Seminar “Deepening Partnership between Trilateral Cooperation and ASEAN: Towards the Vision of an East Asian Community” in Seoul on June 28,2012.

On the basis of the seminar and its independent research, the TCS compiled a policy recommendation report on future direction of partnership between trilateral cooperation and ASEAN, and submitted the report to the three governments for reference.



4. TCS OFFICIAL WEBSITE (www.tcs-asia.org)

The TCS website consists of the four language versions: English, Chinese, Japanese and Korean. By providing 4 languages, it made relevant information available to the people of three countries and other nationalities. One of the primary objectives of the TCS website is to publicize the TCS and trilateral cooperation through the 'About Us' and 'News and Activities' page and the TCS Introduction Video, which explain the functions, structure, activities and other related matters of the TCS. As an information center, the database section has been constructed with comprehensive information of the trilateral cooperation in the fields of politics and security; economy; sustainable development and environmental protection; and human and cultural exchange, as well as statistics of the three countries and relevant documents adopted in the trilateral consultative mechanisms and cooperative projects.



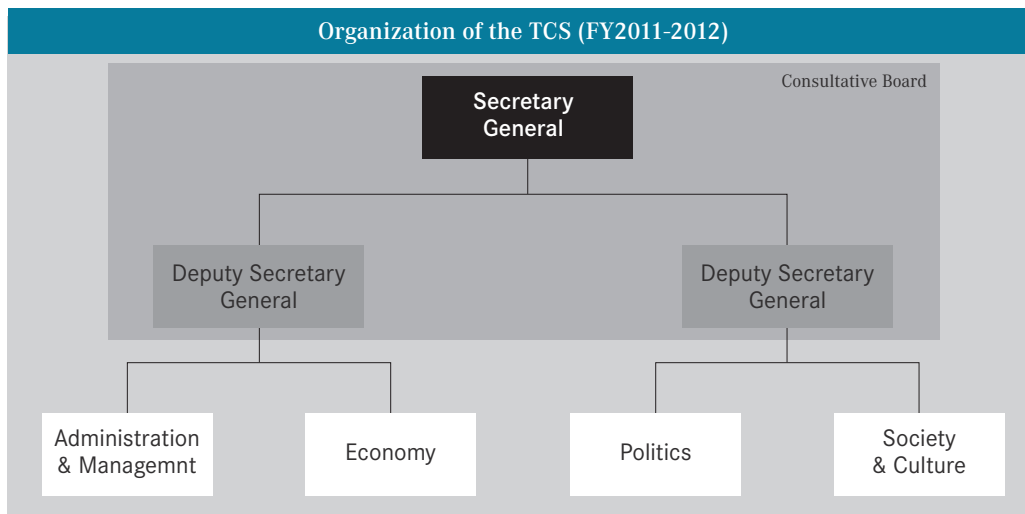
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1. ORGANIZATION

The TCS consists of a Consultative Board and four Departments. The TCS Consultative Board, the executive decision making body, 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, and the two parties not assuming the Secretary-Generalship second a Deputy Secretary-General respectively. Under the Consultative Board, there are four Departments: Political Affairs, Economic Affairs, Social-Cultural Affairs and Management. The four Departments are composed of diplomats seconded by the three countries and the General Services Staff recruited through open competition from the three countries. The TCS has 20 staff in total for the FY 2011-2012.



2. FINANCE

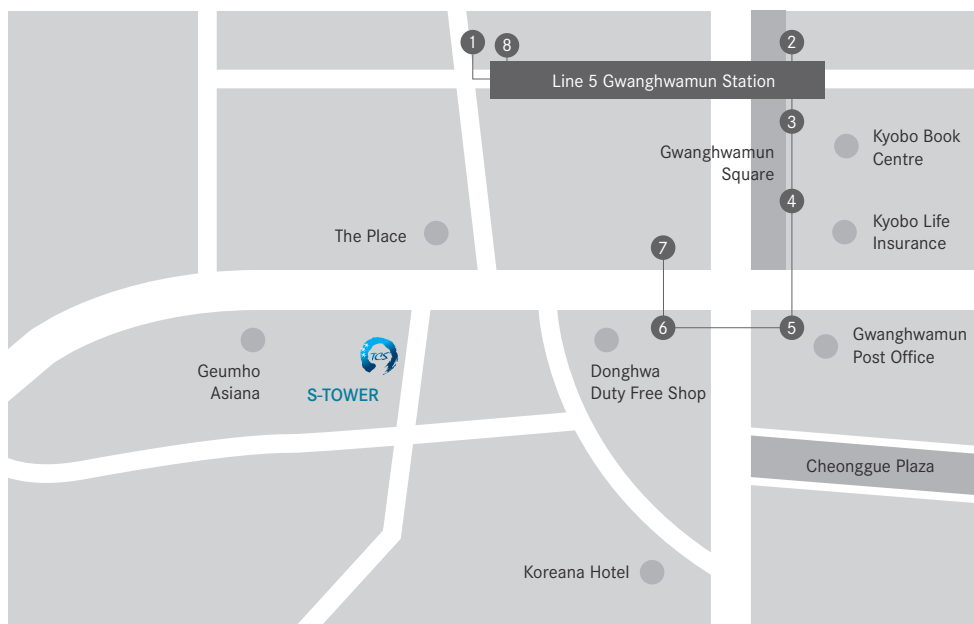
The TCS budget is financed in equal share from China, ROK, and Japan. The ROK government is responsible for providing and arranging for the premises for the operation of the TCS.

3. FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The TCS carries out the following functions and activities:

1. Provide administrative and technical support for the operation and management of such trilateral consultative mechanisms among the countries, such 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;
5. Conduct research on important issues related to the trilateral cooperation, manage the TCS' website, and promote understanding of the trilateral cooperation.

4. LOCATION



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**Note: Following the agreement among the three governments, this annual report, in principle, employs the chair-country order in listing countries. Chair country changes annually in rotation: the People's Republic of China is the chair country in 2012, followed by the Republic of Korea in 2013, and Japan in 2014.*



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