China- Japan- Republic of Korea
Trilateral Cooperation on Disaster Management

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Background

• How did China, Japan and the Republic of Korea start to share the view of on the importance of promoting trilateral cooperation on Disaster Management?
Trilateral Joint Announcement on DM Cooperation
2008 Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit (Fukuoka)

Common Challenges
- Under threats of natural disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, floods, sediment related disasters and tsunamis.
- The risk is expected to rise:
  - water related disasters: typhoons, floods
  - sediment related disasters
- in the changing environment for disaster management such as climate change and rapid urbanization
China

2008 Sichuan earthquake

2012 Typhoon Haikui
Japan

1995 Great Hanshin earthquake (Kobe)

2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami – “Triple Disaster”
Republic of Korea

2003 Typhoon Maemi

2011 Mt. Umyeon Landslide
Trilateral Joint Announcement on DM Cooperation

2008 Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit (Fukuoka)

No intergovernmental mechanism for disaster risk reduction in North East Asia

The three leaders:
- recognized the importance of coping with disaster risk
- acknowledged that it is crucial for the three countries to share information on projects, initiatives, good practices, lessons learned and science & technologies to strengthen disaster management capability
Trilateral Joint Announcement on DM Cooperation

2008 Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit (Fukuoka)

Enhance cooperation in the following three areas:

1. Developing comprehensive disaster management framework
2. Developing measures & systems to reduce vulnerability to disasters and to minimise damage from disasters
3. Strengthening effective disaster management at the national, local and community levels

Hold trilateral heads of government agency & expert level meetings on disaster management in rotation
Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management
1st Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster
October 2009, Kobe Japan

Participants:

Mr. Maehara Seiji
Minister of State for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office, Japan

Mr. Luo Pingfei
Vice Minister of Civil Affairs, People’s Republic of China

Mr. Park Yeon-Soo
Administrator, National Emergency Management Agency, Republic of Korea

⇒Trilateral Joint Statement on DM Cooperation
1st Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster
October 2009, Kobe Japan

Trilateral Joint Statement on DM Cooperation

• Basic recognition on disaster management

• Information sharing on efforts to minimize damage from disasters
  - on the countermeasures to the disasters which are expected to increase due to climate change
  - to promote earthquake-proofing of buildings
  - to utilize satellite technologies for disaster management

• Further trilateral cooperation on disaster management
  - Holding expert-level seminars on the training for human resources of disaster management
  - Strengthening cooperation with international disaster mgmt. organizations located in three countries & in international disaster mgmt. conferences to be held in the three countries

• The next meeting to be held in China (2011)
2nd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster
October 2011, Beijing China

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Minister of State for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office, Japan

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Vice Minister of Civil Affairs, People’s Republic of China

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⇒Trilateral Joint Statement on DM Cooperation
2nd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster
October 2011, Beijing China

Trilateral Joint Statement on DM Cooperation

- Establish a Mechanism of Mutual Visits and Exchanges
  - Hold a Trilateral Heads of Govt. Agency Meeting on DM
  - Establish joint mechanism of field visits to disaster-striken areas

- Improve the sharing of information and technology
  - Share information on laws, regulations, systems & policy on DM
    through the existing platform of information network

- Strengthen Cooperation on Capacity Building of Disaster Mitigation and Relief
  - Carry out trainings for DM personnels among the three countries
    based on the existing domestic or international education and training institutions

- The next preparatory meeting to be held in Korea (2013)
Consensus on Republic of Korea as the host of the 3rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management on October 30th, 2013

Discussion on the responsible country as well as deadline for follow-up procedures including the clarification on action plan of TTX and others issues from the agendas

Demonstrated their opinions and suggestions on the proposed agendas for this meeting, and reached primary agreement on the trilateral cooperation
The Preparatory Senior Officials/Experts Meeting for the 3rd Trilateral Heads of Govt. Agency Meeting on DM
August 2013, Seoul ROK

Key Outcomes

• Achievement of previous meetings and strategy for advancement
  - review the outcomes of previous meetings
  - assess the progress in DRR in three countries

• Technology and information sharing on DM
  - explore the feasibility of enhancing compatibility of information
  - Initiate joint R&D research projects
  - Share sound practices on DM utilizing info & communication technology

• Education and Training
  - develop country-to-country exchange programs
  - design regular programs on Table Top Exercise (TTX)

• 4th Trilateral Heads of Govt. Agency Meeting on DM
Development on Information and Technology Sharing
1st Meeting

“Information sharing on efforts to minimize damage from disasters”

2nd Meeting

- Share information on laws, regulations, systems & policy regarding disaster management through the existing platform of information network
- Share research outcomes of catastrophes, including the causes of grave disasters in Asian region, disaster risks and response policies
- Exchange the information timely on major domestic natural disasters through government websites, including the information on periodic disaster situation
- Establish an emergency communication mechanism, designate 24-hour contact points, clarify communication channels and ensure speedy and efficient communication after disaster occurrences
3rd Prep. Meeting

a) Explore the feasibility of enhancing compatibility of information about hazard profile, disaster loss and recovery among three countries and improve its linkage with other existing ones.

b) Initiate joint R&D research projects on identifying intensive risk and developing countermeasures in three countries.

c) Explore the feasibility of sharing the information, technology, experience, and lessons on root causes of disasters, underlying risk factors, disaster risk due to climate change and disaster recovery to build back better community.

d) Share sound practices on DM utilizing information & communication technology.

e) Enhance three countries’ cooperation in int’l and regional conferences on DM held in each country, including the 3rd UN World Conference on DRR.
Ways forward
Expansion into expert group meeting

- Create an expert group composed of specialist from three countries, which can technically support the agreed agenda from Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management

- Organize technical meeting among three countries to discuss on joint research and other related information and technical sharing with research institute and academia after the 3rd Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management

- Carrying out joint-research on hazard profile, compatibility of disaster loss database will be significant in fostering DRR cooperation
Strengthen partnership with IOs located in three countries

- Enhanced partnership on disaster data for investment decision among three countries with Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), UNESCAP NEA, UNISDR ONEA, ADRC, IDDR and other international organization will be a sound practice for HFA2 consultation
THANK YOU!