

Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation

We, the leaders of the Republic of Korea, Japan and the People's Republic of China, convened in Seoul, Korea on 1 November 2015, on the occasion of the 6th Trilateral Summit Meeting, where we,

Shared the understanding that North-East Asia is one Environmental Community, and that the Tripartite Environmental Ministers Meeting (TEMM), as the regional Ministerial cooperation mechanism on the environment in North-East Asia, achieved great progress and established a good foundation for cooperation among the three countries;

Reviewed with satisfaction on the environmental cooperation progress under the TEMM made by the three countries in the implementation of the *Joint Declaration on the Enhancement of Trilateral Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership* and the *Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2010-2014)*;

Reiterated the great importance of Ecological Civilization, Sustainable Development, Green Development, etc., and recognized the necessity of continued and strengthened cooperation among the three countries in addressing a range of common environmental problems in various priority areas using

appropriate approaches;

Emphasized the importance of further enhancement of the tripartite environment cooperation contributing to environmental improvement and sustainable development of North-East Asia;

Decided to strengthen environmental cooperation on the basis of mutual respect, equity, common interests, openness and transparency as follows:

- Promoting that the TEMM plays a more important role, acknowledging the global, regional and national environmental challenges and opportunities and the necessity to address these challenges and take these opportunities through cooperation among the three countries;

- Implementing the *Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2015-2019)* with 9 priority cooperation areas consisting of 1) Air Quality Improvement, 2) Biodiversity, 3) Chemical Management and Environmental Emergency Response, 4) Circulative Management of Resources/3R/Transboundary Movement of E-Waste, 5) Climate Change Response, 6) Conservation of Water and Marine Environment, 7) Environmental Education, Public Awareness and Corporate Social Responsibility, 8) Rural Environmental Management, 9) Transition to Green Economy, which was adopted at TEMM 17 held in Shanghai in April 2015;

- Making efforts to ensure that environmental protection will be mainstreamed into measures for economic and social development of the three countries;
- Mobilizing resources necessary for the implementation of *Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2015-2019)* taking into account specific national circumstances.