

PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE TRILATERAL COOPERATION SECRETARIAT
AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF
JAPAN, THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Governments of Japan, the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Korea (hereinafter individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively referred to as the “Parties”),

Recognizing the role of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as the “TCS”) in advancing trilateral cooperation and the importance of promoting the capacity building of the TCS,

Desiring to amend the Agreement on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat among the Governments of Japan, the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Korea, done at Seoul on 16 December 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”),

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. Article 5.1(a) and (b) of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

“(a) The Secretary-General shall be appointed at the Trilateral Foreign Ministers’ Meeting upon nomination of a Party on a rotational basis in the order of the Republic of Korea, Japan and the People’s Republic of China. The tenure of office shall be three years.

(b) Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, each Party other than the Government of the country of the Secretary-General shall nominate a Deputy Secretary-General, respectively, who shall be appointed at the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting. The tenure of office shall, in general, be three years. The appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General may be renewed once for an additional period of up to three years with the approval of the Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting."

2. The tenure of office of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretaries-General as amended by this Protocol Amending the Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Protocol") shall apply to the incumbent Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretaries-General at the time the Protocol enters into force.

ARTICLE 2

Each Party shall notify all other Parties in writing through diplomatic channels that their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Protocol have been completed. The Protocol shall enter into force on the date when the last notification thereof is issued.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the Protocol.

DONE in triplicate, in the English language, at Tokyo, this twenty-second day of March, 2025.

For the Government of Japan:

Takeshi Iwaya

For the Government of the People's Republic of China:

Yi Wan

For the Government of the Republic of Korea:

Tae-Yul Cho