

Press Release on the Launch of the FTA Negotiations among China, Japan and Korea

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Following the Leaders' Joint Declaration at the Fifth Trilateral Summit Meeting in Beijing on 13 May 2012, Mr. Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Edano Yukio, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, and Mr. Bark Tae Ho, Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea, met in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 20 November 2012 on the occasion of 21st ASEAN summit and related summits, and announced the launch of the FTA negotiations among China, Japan and Korea.

The Ministers further decided that the first round of the trilateral FTA negotiations would be held in early 2013.