

**The Sixth Economic & Trade Ministers' Meeting
among the People's Republic of China, Japan
and the Republic of Korea**

25 October 2009, Hua Hin, Thailand

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We, the Economic and Trade Ministers from the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea met in Hua Hin, Thailand on 25 October 2009. We exchanged views on the framework of economic cooperation among the three countries.

We welcome and support the success of the trilateral summit in Beijing, China on 10 October 2009 and decide the following actions to be taken with a view to upholding the decisions made by the three leaders with regard to important economic cooperation among the three countries into the stage of realization.

- We share the view on the importance of a trilateral investment framework which will be instrumental for further strengthening the economic partnership among three countries. In this respect, we share the view to reach a substantive agreement on the Trilateral Investment Agreement negotiations in early 2010.

- We reaffirm the consensus reached by the three leaders that the joint study on the trilateral FTA will start among government officials, business and academic participants. As a follow-up to the consensus, we share the view to task the senior government officials to start discussions and considerations at the earliest timing in 2010 on how to proceed with the joint study with a view to launching the first joint study meeting in the first half of 2010 expecting that be before the trilateral summit meeting.
- In order to make the maximum use of our economic potentials, we will also follow up the Business Environment Action Agenda, thereby further promoting transparency of our business environment.
- We will oppose trade protectionism in all forms, uphold a fair, free and open global trading and investment system. We are determined to seek an ambitious and balanced conclusion to the Doha Development Round in 2010, consistent with its mandate, based on the progress already made, including with regard to modalities.

LIST OF MINISTERS

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of China
2. H.E. Masayuki Naoshima,
Minister, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry,
Japan
3. H.E. Kim Jong-hoon,
Minister for Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
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