Trilateral Forum on Water Cooperation at 7th World Water Forum

Description

- The Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) is an international organization with a vision to promote peace and common prosperity among the People’s Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, established in 2011 under the Memorandum on the Establishment of the TCS among the three governments.
- With a view to supporting trilateral consultative mechanisms, the TCS has hosted the Trilateral Director-Level Consultation Meeting on Water Resources on September 29, 2014 in Seoul, the ROK.
- In the Consultation Meeting, the Ministry of Water Resources of China (MWR), the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (MLIT) and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the ROK (MOLIT) shared the views that the three countries were willing to hold the trilateral ministerial meeting on water resources on the occasion of the World Water Forum (WWF) every 3 years, after a history of:
  1) organizing the Joint Sessions of the three countries at the 4th WWF in 2006;
  2) releasing the Joint Announcement on Water Management Cooperation at the 5th WWF in 2009;
  3) strong political endorsement of trilateral cooperation on water by the Joint Statement on Sustainable Development by the three leaders at the 2nd China-Japan-Korea Summit in 2009;
  4) signing the Memorandum of Cooperation on the Mechanism of Ministerial Meeting among the three countries in 2012.
- Upon the result of the Consultation meeting, the TCS currently designs to organize the Trilateral Forum at the 7th WWF in consultation with MWR, MLIT and MOLIT. The Trilateral Forum will be a good setup to introduce the trilateral cooperation in water resources area as one of the best practices in Asia-Pacific region, by including the signing ceremony for a joint declaration among the three ministers in the Trilateral Forum and discussing among relevant organizations. The TCS would be honored to organize the Trilateral Forum which would contribute to the enhancement of cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region as well as in the world.

Overall Design

- **Title**: Trilateral Forum on Water Cooperation (TBD)
- **Date**: 2 hours “Special Session” in the Regional Process
- **Venue**: Gyeongju, the ROK
- **Host**: TCS
- **Special Collaboration**: MWR, MLIT, MOLIT, 1 International Organization (TBD)
Tentative Agenda

The agenda can be modified by the three ministries.

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**Opening Remarks**: Secretary-General of TCS (5 min)

**Congratulatory Remarks (5 min each)**:
1. Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, ROK
2. Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan
3. Minister of Water Resources, China

**Signing Ceremony of the joint declaration among the three Ministers**
(The Ministry of the ROK will draft the declaration with the Ministries of China and of Japan later on. The exact name of the official document will be decided later.)

**Keynote Speech**: Mr. HAN Seung-soo, Chair of the High-Level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and UN Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water

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The sessions below will be a platform that working-level officials and experts discuss the details under the Trilateral Ministerial Meeting agenda.

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**Creation of I-WSSM and Future Collaboration with IRTCES and ICHARM**
- IRTCES and ICHARM will advise new I-WSSM.
- The three institutions will discuss the future cooperation.

IRTCES (Int’l Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation), China
ICCHARM (Int’l Center for Water Hazard and Risk Management), Japan
I-WSSM (Int’l Center for Water Security and Sustainable Management), ROK

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Collaboration between city/country governors and water engineers/experts (from K-Water, Japan Water Agency, and other organizations)
Smart water grid
Water Cycle
Sustainable infrastructure
Technology which adapts to climate change
Technology application to decision-making

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Trilateral Cooperation: Towards enhancement of water cooperation in Asia-Pacific region.