## Joint Statement

The East Asia Foundation (EAF) of South Korea, the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF), and the China Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD) co-hosted the 10th Trilateral Cooperation Dialogue. The meeting was focused on discussing trilateral cooperation and relationship development in depth. Through this meeting, the three organizations shared three perceptions.

First, the three partners emphasized the need for continued cooperation for peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia. They reaffirmed the importance of mutual cooperation given their cultural connections and significance in the global economy. They also emphasized the need for cooperation on joint issues, such as the expansion of trade under RCEP, supply chain stability, carbon neutrality, aging societies, and environmental issues.

Second, the three partners agreed on the importance of strengthening cooperation in areas directly related to people's daily lives. They highlighted the significance of enhancing mutual trust and goodwill, and the role of public diplomacy and the media. They also agreed to continue working on ways to institutionalize and sustain cooperation and to ensure that people can feel the benefits of cooperation.

Third, the three partners recognized the need to open up their markets to each other and strengthen cooperation. They agreed to continue working together on issues such as implementing trade liberalization, combating climate change, addressing the declining birthrate and aging society, and promoting digital government. They also emphasized the importance of various exchange activities to enhance mutual understanding and goodwill among the people, especially among the youth and future generations.

Through the meeting, the three partners pledged future-oriented cooperation and decided to continue their efforts to come up with concrete cooperation measures for a sustainable future. In particular, the co-hosting organizations of the three countries recognized that holding a trilateral summit would be helpful in further strengthening cooperation in the future. They hoped for the early realization of a trilateral summit.

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