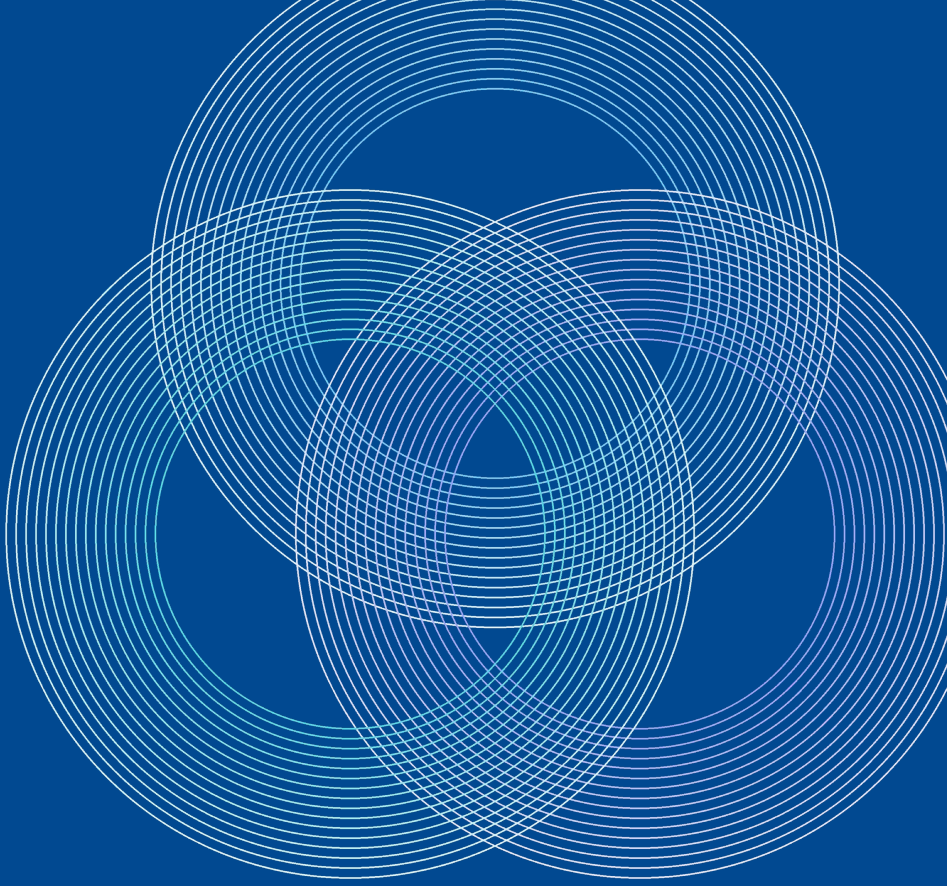


PROGRAM BOOK

The 13th CJK Cooperation Dialogue

Reimagining Trilateral Cooperation in the AI Era

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Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping technological competition alongside the economic, social, and policy environments of China, Japan, and Korea (CJK). Despite geopolitical differences, there is an urgent need for CJK to utilize AI as a politically neutral and highly efficient economic bridge. This collaboration can promote trade and foreign direct investment (FDI), strengthen intra-regional supply chain resilience, and address shared challenges like growing energy demands, climate disasters, and shifting demographic dynamics. Against this backdrop, the 13th CJK Cooperation Dialogue explores how the three nations can capitalize on AI-driven opportunities, navigate emerging challenges, identify institutional bottlenecks, and implement practical solutions for continued trilateral cooperation.

Program Overview

Time	Session
09:30 – 10:10	Opening Ceremony Opening Remarks · Congratulatory Remarks · Keynote Speech · Photo Session
10:20 – 11:40	Session 1 Preparing for an AI-Driven Trade and Economic Order: A New Agenda for Trilateral Cooperation
11:40 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:20	Session 2 Mitigating Climate Disasters and Balancing Energy Security and the Green Transition: Finding Common Ground for Trilateral Cooperation
14:20 – 14:40	Break
14:40 – 16:00	Session 3 AI Era Cooperation: How Can the Next Generation Build Trilateral Cooperation?
16:00 – 16:15	Break
16:15 – 17:15	Closing Session CJK Cooperation: What Holds Us Together, What Pulls Us Apart?
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner

OPENING

Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks · Congratulatory Remarks · Keynote Speech · Photo Session

Opening Remarks	**Sung-Hwan KIM**	Chairman, East Asia Foundation
	YANG Rui	Chairperson, Hainan Institute for Free Trade Port Studies
	Hideichi OKADA	Chairman, Japan Economic Foundation
Congratulatory Remarks	**Tatsushi NISHIOKA**	Secretary-General, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat
Keynote Speech	**Choong-Yong AHN**	Distinguished Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Chung-Ang University
Photo Session		

SESSION 1

Preparing for an AI-Driven Trade and Economic Order

: A New Agenda for Trilateral Cooperation

The rapid development of AI is reshaping trade, investment, manufacturing and supply chains across China, Japan and Korea, creating new opportunities for businesses, including SMEs, while also raising regulatory and legal uncertainties. AI-enabled digital tools may help facilitate cross-border transactions, improve supply-chain management and connect investment opportunities, but differences in data governance, technical standards and economic security regulations could also create new barriers to regional economic integration. This session will explore how the three countries can harness their respective strengths in AI and manufacturing, promote greater business cooperation, and make better use of existing frameworks such as RCEP and CPTPP, as well as a future CJK FTA, to support a more predictable and open environment for trilateral trade and investment.

Chair / Moderator	**Choong-Yong AHN**	Distinguished Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Chung-Ang University
Panelists	**Jee-Yeon SHIN**	Professor, Dept. of Global Legal Studies, Graduate School of Sogang University
	ZHANG Yunling	Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
	Naoyuki YOSHINO	Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Economics, Keio University
Discussants	**KUANG Xianming**	Vice President, Hainan Institute for Free Trade Port Studies
	Yukiko FUKAGAWA	Professor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University

SESSION 2

Mitigating Climate Disasters and Balancing Energy Security and the Green Transition

: Finding Common Ground for Trilateral Cooperation

China, Japan and Korea face increasingly frequent climate-related disasters—including extreme rainfall, floods, typhoons and heatwaves—whose impacts can extend across borders and disrupt regional infrastructure, supply chains and energy systems. At the same time, the rapid expansion of AI and data centers is increasing electricity demand and adding new pressures to energy security, while AI technologies themselves offer opportunities to improve disaster preparedness, energy efficiency, smart-grid management and climate resilience. This session will explore how the three countries can share technologies and best practices, strengthen regional resilience and identify practical areas of cooperation at the intersection of climate action, energy security and the green transition.

Chair / Moderator	**KUANG Xianming**	Vice President, Hainan Institute for Free Trade Port Studies
Panelists	**Sae-Moon YOON**	Head of Public-Private Partnerships, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
	LI Chun	Founding and Executive Partner of Grandall Law Firm
	Miyuki NAGASHIMA	Senior Research Scientist, Systems Analysis Group, Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE)
Discussants	**Wonsik JEONG**	Senior Investment Manager, D3 Jubilee Partners
	Haruhisa SOMAYA	Executive Managing Director, Japan Economic Foundation

SESSION 3

AI Era Cooperation

: How Can the Next Generation Build Trilateral Cooperation?

China, Japan and Korea are experiencing rapid technological and demographic transformation at the same time. AI is changing employment, education and the skills required of younger generations, while declining birthrates, aging populations and structural labor shortages present increasingly similar challenges across the three countries. Digital technologies can also create new channels for communication and exchange among younger generations despite political and diplomatic differences. This session will explore how young people in China, Japan and Korea perceive the opportunities and risks associated with AI, how technological innovation can contribute to addressing common social and demographic challenges, and how the next generation can develop new forms of exchange, mutual understanding and practical trilateral cooperation.

Chair / Moderator	**Yoko KONISHI**	Professor, Institute of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Tsukuba
Panelists	**Yoon-Jae RO**	Research Fellow, Center for Emerging Economy Studies, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)
	CHEN Wei	Chairperson of Hainan Reform and Development Research Foundation
Discussants	**Jae-Jeong LEE**	Research Associate, Precarious Work & Social Policy Research Lab at Chung-Ang University
	WANG Hongsen	Director of the Policy and Industrial Economy Research Department, HIFTPS

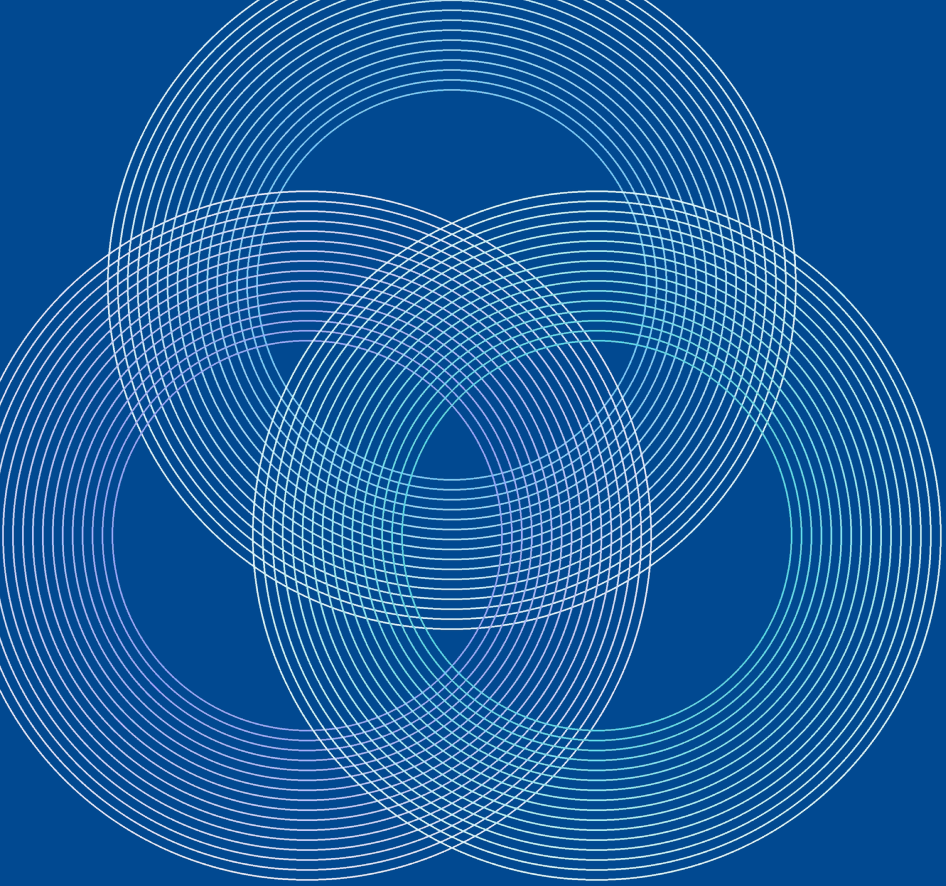
CLOSING

CJK Cooperation

: What Holds Us Together, What Pulls Us Apart?

China, Japan and Korea remain deeply interconnected, yet strategic competition, economic fragmentation and shifting regional dynamics are placing growing strains on trilateral cooperation. Meanwhile, rapid advances in AI and other emerging technologies are creating both new opportunities and sources of rivalry. Bringing together the heads of the three organizing institutions, this session will examine the forces driving the three countries together and apart and explore how shared interests can be translated into practical cooperation and a viable roadmap for the future.

Chair / Moderator	**Chung-In MOON**	Professor Emeritus, Yonsei University
Panelists	**ZHANG Yunling**	Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
	Hideichi OKADA	Chairman, Japan Economic Foundation
	Sung-Hwan KIM	Chairman, East Asia Foundation



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