

Possible Areas of Trilateral Collaboration among the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea in the Field of Animal Health and Animal Disease Control

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Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea met on July 23, 2025, in Tokyo under the framework of the *Memorandum of Cooperation among the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea, on Response against Transboundary Animal Diseases*, signed by the three Ministers on September 13, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as "the MOC").

The meeting was convened to discuss in detail the challenges encountered during the prevention and control on major transboundary animal diseases (TADs), i.e., foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease and high pathogenicity avian influenza, and to present how these challenges were addressed.

Participants also explored the potential areas for enhanced trilateral collaboration in animal health and disease control, and confirmed their intention to advance cooperation based on the MOC in the following areas:

- 1. Sharing animal health information, including:**
 - (a) Vaccine and its stock
 - (b) Antimicrobial Resistance
 - (c) One Health
 - (d) Biosecurity
 - (e) Evaluation of social and economic impacts of TADs
- 2. Surveillance, notification and epidemiological investigation**
 - (a) Sharing information on epidemiological investigation including methodologies and techniques
 - (b) Establishing a network of epidemiological experts
- 3. Research and development of diagnostic methods and vaccines, by:**
 - (a) Leveraging existing bilateral Memoranda of Understanding between research institutions
- 4. Development of human resources, through:**
 - (a) Exploring the possibility of veterinary technical specialist exchange programs
 - (b) Considering regular institutional visits of veterinary technical specialists
- 5. Control measures, such as:**
 - (a) Conducting joint case studies on regionally significant TADs

The three countries reaffirmed their commitment to holding the trilateral Chief Veterinary Officers (CVO) meetings regularly to facilitate joint activities.