

**Joint Statement of
the Seventh Tripartite Health Ministers Meeting (THMM)
for the Preparedness and Response
of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak
November 23, 2014**

We, the Chinese, Japanese and Korean Health Ministers met in Beijing, China in November 23, 2014 and recognized the need to take joint action and the need to contribute to the global efforts in responding to Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak that has become a global health crisis.

Facing with the outbreak of EVD, we exchanged the useful information and knowledge including preparedness and response plans and actions in each country through the focal points based on the tripartite Memorandum of Cooperation and Joint Action Plan on a Joint Response against Pandemic Influenza and Emerging/re-emerging Infectious Diseases of Common Concern signed by three ministers in 2013.

We again acknowledged the importance of the framework through the current experiences on EVD outbreak and reaffirmed the need not only to continue but also to enhance the cooperation of the three countries.

We will work together in order to enhance mutual cooperation on the information and knowledge sharing through the focal points and experts as well as preparedness and response activities.

As an initial step, some technical topics of EVD will be discussed at the next Korea-Japan-China Forum on Communicable Disease Control and Prevention in November 26, 2014 in Korea by tripartite experts.