

Appendix: Research Issues and Achievement in the First Phase of Trilateral Joint Research on a Possible Free Trade Agreement between China, Japan and Korea

2000

- The joint research on “Strengthening the Economic Cooperation among China, Japan and Korea” was officially launched as the joint study on “Enhancing Trade and Investment between China, Japan and Korea.”

2003

- The three institutes embarked upon a new phase of joint research on “Long-term Economic Vision and Medium-term Policy Direction.”
- The three institutions started a research on the impact of an FTA between China, Japan and Korea on the macro-economies of the three countries. Business survey and macroeconomic assessments were conducted.

2004-05

- The three institutes conducted joint research on the “Sectoral Implications of a CJK FTA,” covering agriculture, fishery, and major manufacturing and service sectors.

2006

- The three sides examined other important issues, including rules of origin and sensitive sectors in the FTAs concluded by China, Japan and Korea.

2007

- The study in 2007 addressed the sectoral implications of a CJK FTA for major manufacturing and service industries, as well as the agriculture and fishery industries of the three countries, by analyzing their competitiveness and tariff structures, on the one hand, and the sensitive sectors reflected in the FTAs concluded by the three countries, on the other.

2008

- The joint research covered three aspects: the three countries’ FTA policies, the obstacles and expectations of a CJK FTA, and the role of the three Northeast Asian countries and the CJK FTA for a region-wide FTA in East Asia.
- The first phase of the joint research on a CJK FTA concluded.