

Resolutions
of
The 4th Northeast Asia Standards Cooperation Conference
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The government agencies in charge of standardization strategies and the private standards associations (hereinafter referred to as “the associations”) of China, Japan and Korea (in alphabetical order) held the 4th Northeast Asia Standards Cooperation Conference in Jeju-do in the Republic of Korea on the 24th and 25th of November 2005.

In this Conference, the above representatives of the three nations reviewed the results of past three years of cooperation, and have agreed on concrete cooperation plans and promotion for further cooperation in standardization between the three nations.

The representatives came to an agreement to reinforce cooperation in terms of such three items as "establishment of cooperation network between the three nations", "cooperation in international standards development and international standardization activities" and "facilitation of standardization infrastructure between the three nations." Also, they came to an agreement to promote specific agendas which have been already agreed upon and new agendas under the three items.

1. Establishment of Cooperation Network between the Three Nations

Government agencies and associations of three nations shall establish a sustained and long-term cooperation network and cooperate in the following specific agendas.

1.1 Comparison and Analysis of National Standards

The associations compare and analyze their national standards and standard related issues by area and by product. Based on the result, priority for cooperation will be decided and strategies will be prepared. The associations will propose specific actions plans and discuss at working level.

1.2 Establishing Procedures for Efficient Operation of Northeast Asia Standards Conference

The associations shall propose and discuss Terms of Reference which include business scope and methods, representatives, contact points and how to propose new projects to the Conference, etc. The associations shall appoint their staff in

charge by the end of 2005 to discuss the detailed schedule and meeting agenda by the end of 2005, and will make every effort to have draft Terms of Reference from January to June of 2006 so that the draft will be submitted to the next conference.

1.3 Reinforcement of Information Exchange

Information exchange on standardization status and policies in three nations shall be reinforced. As one of the reinforcement activities, the associations are to exchange their expert lists and contact information for their domestic mirror committees of TC/SC of ISO and IEC.

1.4 Joint Response to the New Businesses of ISO and IEC

The three nations shall reinforce cooperation for new issues being discussed by ISO and IEC. Especially, to cope with items determined to be international standards such as social responsibility, secondhand goods, risk management system and issues raised by COPOLCO, they will cooperate by exchanging the list of experts and related agencies and contact points, by exchanging opinions on main issues, and by supporting candidates, if available, from the three nations for the offices of TC/SCs and WGs of ISO and IEC.

2. Cooperation in International Standards Development and International Standardization Activities

Standardization cooperation activities shall be strengthened between the three nations in ISO and IEC. Especially, by information sharing from the initial stage of international standardization, the nations will promote joint activities to propose international standards on important issues as well as joint response for international standardization activities.

2.1 Cooperation for Standardization of Pictogram for Public Signs

China, the proposer, shall send the list of required items to Korea and Japan, and the two countries receive response from related TCs in their nation and send the results to China. Then, Japan and Korea shall respond to the request with every effort. China shall try to develop draft standards reflecting suggestions of the two nations. Also, cooperation for international standardization of water safety pictogram will begin in January 2006.

2.2 Study on Energy Loss Measurement and Analysis of Electrical Steel Sheets

Korea, the proposer, shall notify the detailed schedule and strategies for the study to China and Japan as soon as possible, conduct joint research reflecting suggestions of the two nations. KSA will notify schedule and strategies by the end of January 2006 for the submission of the study as a draft international standard. The three nations will cooperate for the draft to be an international standard.

2.3 Joint Development of Standards for the Elderly and the Disabled

Japan, the proposer, shall notify China and Korea of the concrete strategies and schedule as soon as possible for the joint development, and review its results to make a draft international standard reflecting suggestions of China and Korea. And Japan shall inform China and Korea of concrete strategies and schedule by the end of January of 2006 for a joint suggestion by the three nations as a draft international standard. China, Japan and Korea agree that five joint draft standards are at the final stage to propose and will jointly propose them to the ISO.

2.4 Standardization of Lightning Protection System and Terminology

Japan and Korea shall inform China of the detailed technical guidance to implement the international standard (IEC 61024) concerning lightning protection system and terminology as soon as possible, then China shall coordinate the guidance and report to Japan and Korea by the end of March 2006.

2.5 Cooperation of International Standardization Activities on Social Responsibility (SR)

Japan, the proposer, shall establish possible cooperative fields in SR and detailed strategies and schedule to implement, and promote cooperation among the three nations by reflecting opinions of China and Korea. For the SR Workshop to be held in July or August 2006, Korea will discuss with China and Japan on the detailed schedule and the meeting venue for the workshop.

2.6 Cooperation of International Standardization Activities on Short Sea Transportation

Korea, the proposer, shall establish detailed strategies and schedule by the end of March 2006, and inform the results to China and Japan by the end of May 2006.

2.7 Cooperation for Standards of Flat Pallets for Through Transit

The three nations shall positively consider adoption of flat pallets for through transit standards, which had been agreed at the China-Japan-Korea Standardization Expert Meeting on Pallets, as their national standards, and will actively cooperate in establishing 'Asia Pallet System Federation.'

3. Facilitation of Standardization Infrastructure between the Three Nations

According to the standardization strategies of each nation, the associations of the three nations shall find out the agendas for the joint activities, accelerate information exchange and continue discussions at working level. This effort will result in reinforcing standardization infrastructure.

3.1 Plan of Training of Competent Personnel in Standardization

On understanding that training of competent personnel in the field of standardization is one of important factors of the national and international standardization competitiveness, the three nations shall cooperate to develop programs for training competent personnel in standardization. In order to realize this, the associations shall exchange information on the relevant programs in their own country, and make efforts to develop programs which can be jointly applied by the three nations.

3.2 Database on Terminology on Standardization

The three nations shall make concerted efforts to distribute the database in consideration of the copyright issue, regarding terminology DB developed over the past two years, service between the countries and linkage with ISO and IEC servers, and facilitate continued cooperation for the update and development of the database. Japan and Korea appreciate China's efforts in making the database of ISO terminology.

4. Next Conference

The 5th Northeast Asia Standards Cooperation Conference in 2006 shall be held by China.