

## Trade Ministers of China, Japan, South Korea oppose protectionism



Chinese Minister of Commerce Chen Deming (L), Japanese Industry Minister Masayuki Naoshima (C) and South Korean Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon attend the 6th meeting for trade ministers of China, Japan and South Korea in Hua Hin, Thailand, Oct. 25, 2009.  
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HUA HIN, Thailand, Oct. 25 (Xinhua) -- Economic and Trade Ministers of China, Japan and South Korea vowed here Sunday to oppose trade protectionism in all forms.

"We will oppose trade protectionism in all forms, uphold a fair, free and open global trading and investment system," said a joint statement issued after the ministers' meeting.

"We are determined to seek an ambitious and balanced conclusion to the Doha Development Round in 2010, consistent with its mandate, based on the progress already made, including with regard to modalities," added the Statement.

The ministers also shared the view on the importance of a trilateral investment framework which will be instrumental for further strengthening the economic partnership among the three countries.

"In this respect, we share the view to reach a substantive agreement on the Trilateral Investment Agreement negotiations in early 2010," said the Statement.



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