

Thesis Competition on Korea-Japan-China Trilateral Cooperation

In order to instill interest in the topic of Korea-Japan-China trilateral cooperation and to gather creative opinions that could contribute to the development of the trilateral cooperation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Sejong Institute calls for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in the thesis competition on the topic of measures to advance the trilateral cooperation and of Northeast Asian political affairs.

1. General Information

- **Topic:** Any topic related to Korea-Japan-China Trilateral Cooperation
 - The topic should focus on trilateral cooperation. Thus, applicants are encouraged to include policy recommendations for trilateral cooperation even if the topic is on Northeast Asian political affairs.
 - ※ Examples) Action Plans to bolster peace and cooperation in Northeast Asia, Territorial Disputes and Trilateral Cooperation, Environment and Trilateral Cooperation, Biological Diversity and Trilateral Cooperation, Implementation plans for Korea-China-Japan FTA, North Korea and Trilateral Cooperation, etc.
- **Eligibility:** Undergraduate students and/or graduate students enrolled in a master's or doctorate programs (irrespective of nationality)
- **Applicant(s):** Individual or group (of 4 or less)

2. How to Apply

- **Submission Period:** June 1 ~ October 15, 2017
- **Required Documents:** Thesis, Application Form and Written Pledge (scanned version with applicant's own handwriting), Certificate of Enrollment
 - ※ The Certificate of Enrollment may be submitted later if the applicant cannot submit it by the deadline (i.e., in case of an exchange student, etc.).
- **Submission Method:** Electronic submission. Attach the required documents and send them to public@sejong.org

3. Guidelines on Thesis Writing

- **Format:** Refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.mofa.go.kr) or the Sejong Institute (www.sejong.org) website and/or see the attached document.

- **Languages:** Korean or English
- **Length:** Around 100 pages of 200-letter manuscript paper (around 12 pages on A4 paper)

4. Result Announcement and Award Ceremony

- **Preliminary Screening:** The preliminary screening result will be individually informed on the fourth week of October 2017 to the applicants whose theses are selected.
 - The applicants whose theses have been selected will be invited to attend the thesis presentation and exchange event.
 - The selected applicants will be asked to prepare a presentation on their thesis.
- **Thesis Presentation and Discussion Event** (detailed schedule to be informed later):
 - Applicants with excellent theses will be awarded at the presentation and discussion event. Awards endorsed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and monetary rewards will be given to the awardees.
 - Prize Details: Grand Prize: 3 million Korean won, Excellence Award: 2 million Korean won, and Encouragement Award: 1 million Korean won.
 - ※ Awards may not be granted if there are no eligible applicant(s).

4. Other Important Details

- The thesis should be the applicant's original work. The copyright of the submitted theses will be reverted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- All submitted documents will not be returned.
- The following theses are not eligible for submission: theses awarded at other competitions, degree theses, and theses that have been submitted to other academic journals or collection of papers/dissertations.
 - If any award-winning thesis is identified to have fallen under one of the above categories or to have violated the research ethics such as plagiarism, the award and prize will be immediately withdrawn even after the competition.
- **For more information:** Contact the Research Support Team of the Sejong Institute at 031) 750-7615.