

# *Japan-China-ROK Mutual Strategic Trust in Northeast Asia*

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## **Summary**

In this paper, grounded on the concept of "mutual strategic trust", I have considered the strategic positioning of Japan, China and the ROK, which are located in Northeast Asia. More specifically, in addition to giving a broad overview of the current state of affairs and challenges for mutual strategic trust among Japan, China and the ROK, I have systematically undertaken analysis of the factors affecting Japan, China and the ROK's relationships of mutual strategic trust.

Via the above analysis, I have indicated that the building and continued developing of mutual strategic trust among Japan, China and the ROK is the core and foundation for the construction of multilateral security mechanisms in Northeast Asia. In addition, it is also important that the three nations deepen cooperative relations on security, and with the expectation of a "spillover" effect in nonconventional security cooperation, that Japan, China and the ROK deepen the strategic exchange and mutual trust among them.

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