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Arctic Science Cooperation Agreement: Implications for Asian Countries and their Scientists

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Zoom Meeting (pre-registration through the PLS website required)

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Discussion-oriented seminar on Arctic Science Cooperation Agreement: Implications for Asian Countries and their Scientists

- ✓ Brief introduction of the new treaty: Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation (entered into force in May 2018), with focus on provisions relating to non-Arctic states, such as China, Japan and Korea.
- ✓ How is this Agreement perceived by the governments and scientific institutions of China, Japan and Korea? A result of a survey
- ✓ Have there been any official positions/statements made available on this Agreement by the governments of China, Japan and Korea?
- ✓ What is the current situation regarding the implementation of the Agreement, particularly the Meeting of its Parties that will review Arctic science cooperation with Arctic Council Observer States, such as China, Japan and Korea?
- ✓ How do we expect the potential implications of this Agreement on the three Asian non-Arctic countries and their scientists?