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Korea and China deepen traditional medicine cooperation through joint research and exchanges

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Two countries sign agreed minutes to advance cooperation, from sharing clinical experience to joint projects on international standards



The Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW), South Korea government, announced that it recently held the 19th meeting of the Korea–China Steering Committee on Traditional Medicine Cooperation. The two sides discussed ways to expand bilateral cooperation in traditional medicine, including joint research, professional exchanges, and collaboration on artificial intelligence (AI) and data. They signed agreed minutes outlining practical steps for cooperation and committed to building a future-oriented framework for advancing traditional medicine.

At the meeting, the two sides explored avenues for expanding exchanges and cooperation in traditional medicine across three areas-

- Promote academic and research cooperation and professional exchanges in traditional medicine to share clinical and academic experience, pursue joint international research, and expand exchanges among researchers.
- Establish a framework for cooperation on AI and data in traditional medicine, including through information technology exchanges and joint research.
- Strengthen global cooperation in traditional medicine, including by implementing joint projects on international standards through multilateral cooperation mechanisms.

The Committee is a joint consultative body of the MOHW and China's National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine (NATCM). Through the Committee, the two countries have discussed ways to expand bilateral exchanges in traditional medicine, with the aim of promoting Korean medicine and other forms of traditional medicine worldwide and helping improve public health.

The Committee was established following the Korea–China summit in March 1994. Since the Committee's first meeting in 1995, the two countries have taken turns hosting the meetings. The 18th meeting was held in Beijing, China, in 2025.