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**IN SUMMIT WITH JAPAN'S TAKAICHI, S.KOREA'S LEE SEEKS TRILATERAL COOPERATION WITH CHINA**

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South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday called for a trilateral cooperation among Seoul, Tokyo, and Beijing, during his summit with Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi.

I emphasized the need for the three Northeast Asian countries -- (South) Korea, Japan, and China -- to identify as much common ground as possible in order to communicate and cooperate," Lee told a joint news conference in Takaichi's native province of Nara, the Seoul-based Yonhap News reported.

Lee's remarks came after his summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing last week, amid the ongoing tensions between Tokyo and Beijing over Taiwan.

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