

**Reference 1 National Security Strategy (Outline)**

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**I. Purpose**

- As Japan's security environment becomes ever more severe, Japan needs to identify its national interests from a long-term perspective, determine the course it should pursue in the international community, and adopt a whole-government approach for national security policies and measures in order to continue developing a prosperous and peaceful society.
- In a world where globalization continues, Japan should play an even more proactive role as a major global player in the international community.
- The Strategy, as fundamental policies pertaining to national security, presents guidelines for policies in areas related to national security.
- With the National Security Council (NSC) serving as the control tower, as well as with strong political leadership, the Government of Japan will implement national security policies in a more strategic and structured manner through a whole-government approach.
- When implementing policies in other areas, the Government of Japan will give due consideration to national security so that Japan can utilize its strengths, such as its diplomatic ability and defense capability, in a smooth and fully-functional way as a whole, based on the Strategy.
- The Strategy will guide Japan's national security policy over the next decade. Through the implementation of concrete policies, the NSC will regularly carry out systematic evaluation and upgrade the Strategy in a timely and appropriate manner.

**II. Fundamental Principle of National Security****1. Principles Japan Upholds**

- Japan is a country with rich culture and tradition, and upholds universal values, such as freedom, democracy, respect for fundamental human rights and the rule of law. Japan has a wealth of highly educated human capital and high cultural standards, and is an economic power with strong economic capacity and high technological capabilities. Japan has achieved its development benefiting from an open international economic system. In addition, Japan as a maritime state has pursued "Open and Stable Seas."
- Japan has consistently followed the path of a peace-loving nation since the end of World War II, and has adhered to a basic policy of maintaining an exclusively national defense-oriented policy, not becoming a military power that poses a threat to other countries, and observing the Three Non-Nuclear Principles.
- Japan has maintained its security, and contributed to peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, by enhancing its alliance with the United States (U.S.), as well as by deepening cooperative relationships with other countries. Japan has also contributed to the realization of stability and prosperity in the international community through initiatives for supporting the economic growth of developing countries and for addressing global issues based on the principle of human security, as well as through trade and investment relations with other countries.
- Complying with the United Nations (U.N.) Charter, Japan has been cooperating with the U.N. and other international organizations, and has actively contributed to their activities. Japan has also continuously participated in international

peace cooperation activities. In addition, as the only country to have ever suffered atomic bombings in war, Japan has consistently engaged in disarmament and non-proliferation efforts, playing a leading role in international initiatives to realize "a world free of nuclear weapons."

- Japan will continue to adhere to the course that it has taken to date as a peace-loving nation, and as a major player in world politics and economy, contribute even more proactively in securing peace, stability, and prosperity of the international community, while achieving its own security as well as peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, as a "Proactive Contributor to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation. This is the fundamental principle of national security that Japan should stand to hold.

**2. Japan's National Interests and National Security Objectives**

- To maintain its sovereignty and independence; to defend its territorial integrity; to ensure the safety of life, person, and properties of its nationals, and to ensure its survival while maintaining its own peace and security and preserving its rich culture and tradition.
- To achieve the prosperity of Japan and its nationals through economic development, thereby consolidating its peace and security (to this end, it is essential that Japan strengthens the free trade regime and realizes an international environment that offers stability, transparency and predictability).
- To maintain and protect international order based on rules and universal values, such as freedom, democracy, respect for fundamental human rights, and the rule of law.

**National Security Objectives**

- To strengthen the deterrence necessary for maintaining Japan's peace and security and for ensuring its survival, thus deterring threats from directly reaching Japan; at the same time, if by any chance a threat should reach Japan, to defeat such threat and to minimize the damage.
- To improve the security environment of the Asia-Pacific region, and prevent the emergence of and reduce direct threats to Japan, through strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance, enhancing the trust and cooperative relationships between Japan and its partners within and outside the Asia-Pacific region, and promoting practical security cooperation.
- To improve the global security environment and build a peaceful, stable, and prosperous international community by strengthening the international order based on universal values and rules, and by playing a leading role in the settlement of disputes, through consistent diplomatic efforts and further personnel contributions.

**III. Security Environment Surrounding Japan and National Security Challenges****1. Global Security Environment and Challenges****(1) Shift in the Balance of Power and Rapid Progress of Technological Innovation**

- The balance of power between nations is changing due to the rise of emerging countries (e.g., China and India). In particular, China is increasing its presence in the international community. The United States, which has the world's largest power as a whole, has manifested its policy to shift its emphasis of national security and economic policy towards the Asia-Pacific region.
- The rapid advancement of globalization and technological innovation has increased the relative influence of non-state actors, and the threat of terrorism and crimes committed by non-state actors is expanding.

- (2) Threat of the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Other Related Materials
- The issue of the transfer, proliferation, and performance improvement of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their means of delivery, such as ballistic missiles, the issue of nuclear and missile development by North Korea, and the nuclear issue of Iran remain major threats to Japan and the international community.
- (3) Threat of International Terrorism
- International terrorism has spread and become diverse in its forms due to the advancement of globalization.
  - Terrorist attacks against Japanese nationals and interests have actually taken place overseas. Japan and its people face the threat of international terrorism both at home and abroad.
- (4) Risks to Global Commons
- In recent years, risks that can impede the utilization of and free access to global commons, such as the sea, outer space, and cyberspace, have been spreading and become more serious.
  - In the seas, in recent years, there have been an increasing number of cases of unilateral actions in an attempt to change the status quo by coercion with respect to natural resources and the security of respective states.
  - Due to these cases as well as piracy and other issues, there is a growing risk of the stability of sea lanes and freedom of navigation coming under threat.
  - There exist risks that could impede the continuous and stable use of outer space, including an increasing amount of space debris caused by satellite collisions amongst others.
  - Risks of cyber-attacks with the intent to disrupt critical infrastructure and obstruct military systems are becoming more serious.
- (5) Challenges to Human Security
- Global issues that cannot be dealt with by a single country—namely, poverty, widening inequality, global health challenges including infectious diseases, climate change and other environmental issues, food security, and humanitarian crises caused by civil wars and natural disasters—are emerging as critical and urgent issues of human security, threatening the very survival and dignity of individuals.
  - These challenges could have repercussions on peace and stability of the international community.
- (6) The Global Economy and Its Risks
- The risk of the expansion of an economic crisis from one country to the entire global economy is growing.
  - Signs of protectionism and reluctance towards the creation of new trade rules are becoming apparent.
  - The rise of resource nationalism in resource rich countries as well as an intensified competition for the acquisition of energy and mineral resources by emerging countries are observed.
2. Security Environment and Challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region
- (1) Characteristics of the Strategic Environment of the Asia-Pacific Region
- The region has various political regimes and a host of countries with large-scale military forces including nuclear-weapon states. Yet a regional cooperation framework in the security realm has not been sufficiently institutionalized.
- (2) North Korea's Military Buildup and Provocative Actions
- North Korea has enhanced the capability of WMDs including nuclear weapons and that of ballistic missiles.

At the same time, North Korea has repeatedly taken provocative military actions including the use of provocative rhetoric against Japan and other countries, thereby increasing the tension in the region. The threat to the security of Japan and of other countries is being substantially aggravated.

- As Kim Jong-un proceeds to consolidate his regime, the domestic situation in North Korea needs to be closely monitored.
  - North Korea's abduction is a grave issue affecting Japan's sovereignty as well as the lives and safety of Japanese nationals. It is an urgent issue for the Government of Japan to resolve under its responsibility.
- (3) China's Rapid Rise and Intensified Activities in Various Areas
- There is an expectation for China to share and comply with international norms, and play a more active and cooperative role for regional and global issues.
  - China has been rapidly advancing its military capabilities in a wide range of areas without sufficient transparency.
  - China has taken actions that can be regarded as attempts to change the status quo by coercion based on their own assertions, which are incompatible with the existing order of international law, in the maritime and aerial domains, including the East China Sea and the South China Sea (e.g., intrusion into Japan's territorial waters and airspace around the Senkaku Islands, establishment of its own "Air Defense Identification Zone").
  - The cross-strait relationship has deepened economically. Meanwhile, the military balance has been changing. Thus, the relationship contains both orientations towards stability and potential instability.

#### IV. Japan's Strategic Approaches to National Security

1. Strengthening and Expanding Japan's Capabilities and Roles
- To ensure national security, Japan needs to first and foremost strengthen its own capabilities and the foundation for exercising those capabilities. Japan must also steadily fulfill the role it should play and adapt its capabilities to respond to future developments.
  - Enhancing Japan's resilience in national security, through reinforcing its diplomatic power and defense force, as well as bolstering its economic strengths and technological capabilities, contributes to peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and the international community at large.
  - In order to overcome national security challenges and achieve national security objectives, as well as to proactively contribute to peace in cooperation with the international community, Japan needs to expand and deepen cooperative relationships with other countries, with the Japan-U.S. Alliance as the cornerstone. At the same time, Japan needs to make effective use of its diverse resources and promote comprehensive policies.
- (1) Strengthening Diplomacy for Creating a Stable International Environment
- The key of national security is to create a stable and predictable international environment, and prevent the emergence of threats.
  - It is necessary for Japan to realize an international order and security environment that are desirable for Japan, by playing an even more proactive role in achieving peace and stability of the international community as a "Proactive Contributor to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation.

- It is necessary to enhance diplomatic creativity and negotiating power to deepen the understanding of and garner support for Japan's position in the international community.
  - By highlighting Japan's attractiveness, Japan needs to strengthen its soft power that would benefit the international community. Japan also needs to strengthen its capacity to promptly and accurately identify the needs of Japanese nationals and firms to support their overseas activities.
  - Japan will make even more proactive contributions to international organizations such as the U.N., including through increasing the number of Japanese staff in such institutions.
- (2) Building a Comprehensive Defense Architecture to Firmly Defend Japan
- Amid the severe security environment, Japan will efficiently develop a highly effective joint defense force, adapting to the change in strategic environment with consideration of its national power, and strive to ensure operations with flexibility and readiness based on joint operations.
  - Japan will advance coordination within the government and with local governments and the private sector. In doing so, even in peacetime, Japan will maintain and improve a comprehensive architecture for responding seamlessly to an array of situations, ranging from armed attacks to large-scale natural disasters.
  - In developing the structure of the Japan Self-Defense Forces (SDF), which plays a central role in these efforts, Japan will enhance its defense structure for deterrence and response to various situations, prioritizing important functions from a joint and comprehensive perspective.
  - With regard to the threat of nuclear weapons, the extended deterrence of the U.S. with nuclear deterrence at its core is indispensable. In order to maintain and enhance the credibility of the extended deterrence, Japan will work closely with the U.S., and take appropriate measures through its own efforts, including ballistic missile defense (BMD) and protection of the people.
- (3) Strengthening Efforts for the Protection of Japan's Territorial Integrity
- Japan will enhance the capabilities of the law enforcement agencies responsible for territorial patrol activities and reinforce its maritime surveillance capabilities.
  - Japan will strengthen coordination among relevant ministries and agencies to be able to respond seamlessly to a variety of unexpected situations.
  - Japan will proactively engage in the protection, management, and development of remote islands near national borders, and from a national security viewpoint, review issues related to the use of land in areas such as remote islands near national borders and areas surrounding defense facilities.
- (4) Ensuring Maritime Security
- As a maritime state, Japan will play a leading role, in maintaining and developing "Open and Stable Seas," which are upheld by maritime order based upon such fundamental principles as the rule of law, ensuring the freedom and safety of navigation and overflight, and peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with relevant international law, rather than by force.
  - Japan will strengthen its maritime domain awareness capabilities in a comprehensive manner that involves the use of outer space, while paying attention to the establishment of international networks.
- Japan will provide assistance to those coastal states alongside the sea lanes of communication and other states in enhancing their maritime law enforcement capabilities, and strengthen cooperation with partners on the sea lanes who share strategic interests with Japan.
- (5) Strengthening Cyber Security
- Japan as a whole will make concerted efforts to defend cyberspace and strengthen the response capability against cyber-attacks, so as to protect cyberspace from malicious activities; to ensure the free and safe use of cyberspace; and to guard Japan's critical infrastructure against cyber-attacks, including those in which state involvement is suspected.
  - Japan will constantly strengthen public-private partnership, and will comprehensively consider and take necessary measures with regard to expanding the pool of human resources in the security field, etc.
  - Japan will take measures at technical and operational levels to enhance international cooperation, and will promote cyber defense cooperation.
- (6) Strengthening Measures against International Terrorism
- Japan will first and foremost strengthen its domestic measures against international terrorism such as ensuring the security of nuclear facilities in Japan. In order to ensure the safety of Japanese nationals living abroad, Japan will strengthen such measures as collecting and analyzing intelligence on the situation of international terrorism.
- (7) Enhancing Intelligence Capabilities
- Japan will fundamentally strengthen its information-collecting capabilities from a diverse range of sources, including human intelligence and open source intelligence.
  - Japan will enhance its intelligence analysis, consolidation, and sharing capabilities including by developing experts, and will promote allsource analysis that makes use of the array of information-collecting means at the Government's disposal. Materials and intelligence will be provided to the NSC in a timely manner, and they will be appropriately utilized in policy formulation.
- (8) Defense Equipment and Technology Cooperation
- From the perspective of "Proactive Contribution to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation, Japan is required to contribute more proactively to peace and international cooperation including through utilizing defense equipment, and to participate in joint development and production of defense equipment and other related items.
  - While giving due consideration to the roles that the Three Principles on Arms Exports and their related policy guidelines have played so far, the Government of Japan will set out clear principles on the overseas transfer of arms and military technology, which fit the new security environment. In this context, considerations will be made with regard to defining cases where transfers are prohibited; limiting cases where transfers could be allowed with strict examination; and ensuring appropriate control over transfers in terms of unauthorized use and third party transfer.
- (9) Ensuring the Stable Use of Outer Space and Promoting Its Use for Security Purposes
- Japan will engage itself in enhancing the functions of information-gathering satellites and in making effective use of satellites. Japan will also enhance a system for space situational awareness.
  - Japan will promote the development and utilization of outer space in a manner that contributes to national security in the medium- to long-term, including the development of technologies.



#### (10) Strengthening Technological Capabilities

- Japan should encourage the further promotion of technologies, including dual use technologies, thereby strengthening Japan's technological capabilities.
- Japan will constantly grasp science and technology trends, and make effective use of technology in the area of security by combining the efforts of industries, academia, and the Government.
- Japan will proactively utilize its internationally outstanding technologies in diplomacy.

#### 2. Strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance

- Japan and the U.S. have persistently strengthened and expanded their cooperation on a wide range of areas for peace, stability, and prosperity of not only the two countries themselves, but also the Asia-Pacific region and the broader international community.
- The U.S., based on its Defense Strategic Guidance emphasizing a rebalancing towards the Asia-Pacific region, aspires to enhance its presence in the region and strengthen cooperation with its allies, including Japan and its partners.
- In order to ensure the security of Japan and to maintain and enhance peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and the international community, Japan must further elevate the effectiveness of the Japan-U.S. security arrangements and realize a stronger Japan-U.S. Alliance.

##### (1) Further Strengthening of Japan-U.S. Security and Defense Cooperation in a Wide Range of Areas

- Japan will work with the U.S. to revise the Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation, through discussions on a variety of issues such as the concrete manner of defense cooperation and basic concepts of bilateral roles, missions, and capabilities, while ensuring consistency with various policies in line with the Strategy.
- Japan will strive to enhance the deterrence and response capability of the Japan-U.S. Alliance through working closely with the U.S. on operational cooperation and policy coordination on issues such as response to contingencies and the medium- to long-term strategy, and strengthening its security cooperation with the U.S. in such broad areas as BMD, maritime affairs, outer space, cyberspace and largescale disaster response operations.

##### (2) Ensuring a Stable Presence of the U.S. Forces

- While taking measures such as Host Nation Support and increasing deterrence, Japan will steadily implement the realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan in accordance with the existing bilateral agreements, in order to reduce the impact on people in host communities including Okinawa.

#### 3. Strengthening Diplomacy and Security Cooperation with Japan's Partners for Peace and Stability in the International Community

To improve the security environment surrounding Japan, Japan will engage itself in building trust and cooperative relations with partners both within and outside the region through the following approaches.

- Japan will strengthen cooperative relations with countries in the Asia-Pacific region with which it shares universal values and strategic interests.
  - ROK: Japan will strengthen the foundation for security cooperation. Japan, the U.S., and the ROK will work together closely in addressing North Korean nuclear and missile issues.
  - Australia: Japan will further strengthen the strategic partnership by steadily sharing strategic recognition and advancing security cooperation.

- ASEAN countries: Japan will further deepen and develop cooperative relations with the ASEAN countries in all sectors based on the traditional partnership lasting more than 40 years. Japan will also provide further assistance to ASEAN efforts towards maintaining and strengthening its unity.

- India: Japan will strengthen bilateral relations in a broad range of areas, including maritime security, based on the bilateral Strategic and Global Partnership.

- Japan will strive to construct a Mutually Beneficial Relationship Based on Common Strategic Interests with China from a broad, as well as a medium- to long-term perspective. Japan will encourage China to play a responsible and constructive role for the sake of regional peace, stability and prosperity, and Japan will respond firmly but in a calm manner to China's recent attempts to change the status quo by coercion.

- Japan will endeavor to achieve a comprehensive resolution of outstanding issues of concern, such as the abduction, nuclear and missile issues, in accordance with the Japan-North Korea Pyongyang Declaration, Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks, and relevant Security Council resolutions.

- Japan will advance cooperation with Russia in all areas, including security and energy, thereby enhancing bilateral relations as a whole.

- In promoting these efforts, Japan will actively utilize and engage in multilateral and trilateral cooperation frameworks.

- Japan will cooperate with other partners of the Asia-Pacific region towards ensuring the stability of the region.

- European countries are partners for Japan which together take a leading role in ensuring the peace, stability and prosperity of the international community. Japan will further strengthen its relations with Europe, including cooperation with the EU, NATO, and OSCE.

- Japan will endeavor to further develop relations with emerging countries, not merely on a bilateral basis, but in cooperative efforts in tackling global challenges.

- Japan will engage in constructing multilayered cooperative relations with the Gulf States, encompassing political and security cooperation beyond natural resources and energy. In addition, Japan will play a proactive role in the resolution of major issues affecting the stability of the Middle East.

- Japan will continue to contribute to the development and the consolidation of peace in Africa through various avenues, especially the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process.

#### 4. Proactive Contribution to International Efforts for Peace and Stability of the International Community

As a "Proactive Contributor to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation, Japan will play an active role for the peace and stability of the international community.

##### (1) Strengthening Diplomacy at the United Nations

- Japan will further engage in active efforts by the U.N. for the maintenance and restoration of international peace and security.

- Japan will continue to strive to achieve the U.N. Security Council reform, including through an expansion of both permanent and nonpermanent categories, with Japan becoming a permanent member of the Council.

##### (2) Strengthening the Rule of Law

- In order to establish the rule of law in the international community, Japan will participate proactively in international rule-making from the planning stage, so that Japan's principles and positions are duly reflected.

- Japan will actively engage in realizing the rule of law relating to the sea, outer space and cyberspace, as well as in assistance for the development of legal systems.
- (3) Leading International Efforts on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
- Japan will carry out vigorous efforts in pursuit of “a world free of nuclear weapons.”
  - Japan will lead international efforts on disarmament and nonproliferation, including those towards the resolution of North Korea’s nuclear and missile development issues and Iran’s nuclear issues, in a manner consistent with the maintenance of the credibility of extended deterrence under the Japan-U.S. alliance.
- (4) Promoting International Peace Cooperation
- Japan will further step up its cooperation with U.N. PKO and other international peace cooperation activities.
  - Japan will promote coordination between PKO and ODA projects, and make further strategic use of ODA and capacity building assistance.
  - Japan will proactively train peacebuilding experts and PKO personnel in various countries in close consultation with countries or organizations concerned.
- (5) Promoting International Cooperation against International Terrorism
- Japan will promote consultations and exchanges of views with other countries on the situation on international terrorism and international counter-terrorism cooperation, as well as reinforcement of the international legal framework.
  - Japan will actively extend assistance to developing countries, etc.
5. Strengthening Cooperation Based on Universal Values to Resolve Global Issues
- Japan will endeavor to share universal values and reinforce an open international economic system, which form the basis of peace, stability and prosperity of the international community. At the same time, Japan will advance the following measures towards the resolution of development issues and global issues that could hinder peace and stability of the international community.
- (1) Sharing Universal Values
- Through a partnership with countries with which Japan shares universal values, such as freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, Japan will conduct diplomacy that contributes to addressing global issues.
  - Japan will actively utilize its ODA and other schemes in supporting democratization, the development of legal systems, and human rights.
  - Japan will engage proactively in diplomatic issues on women.
- (2) Responding to Global Development and Global Issues and Realizing Human Security
- It is necessary for Japan to strengthen its efforts to address development issues as part of “Proactive Contribution to Peace” based on the principle of international cooperation.
  - Japan will strengthen efforts towards the achievement of the MDGs, and play a leading role in the formulation of the next international development goals.
  - Japan will engage in further efforts in mainstreaming the concept of human security in the international community.
- (3) Cooperating with Human Resource Development Efforts in Developing Countries
- Japan will invite a broad range of personnel from developing countries, including students and administrative officials, and provide them education and training. Japan will further promote human resource development in order to ensure that these personnel can contribute to development in their home countries.
- (4) Maintaining and Strengthening the Free Trade System
- Japan will promote economic partnership efforts, including through the TPP, the Japan-EU EPA, a Japan-China-ROK FTA, and the RCEP. Through these efforts, Japan will strengthen the vigor and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.
- (5) Responding to Energy and Environmental Issues
- Japan will actively utilize diplomatic tools for efforts to achieve the stable supply of energy and other natural resources.
  - In the area of climate change, Japan will implement a proactive strategy for countering global warming.
- (6) Enhancing People-to-people Exchanges
- Japan will expand two-way youth exchanges.
  - Japan will promote people-to-people exchanges through sport and culture.
6. Strengthening the Domestic Foundation that Supports National Security and Promoting Domestic and Global Understanding
- In order to fully ensure national security, it is vital to reinforce the domestic foundation for diplomatic power, defense force, and other capabilities to be effectively demonstrated.
  - It is important to seek a deeper understanding of Japan’s security policies both at home and abroad to ensure national security.
- (1) Maintaining and Enhancing Defense Production and Technological Bases
- Japan will endeavor to engage in effective and efficient acquisition of defense equipment, and will maintain and enhance its defense production and technological bases, including through strengthening international competitiveness.
- (2) Boosting Communication Capabilities
- It is imperative that Japan proactively and effectively communicate its national security policy to the world and its people, deepen the understanding among the people of Japan, and build cooperative relations with other countries.
  - With the Prime Minister’s Office serving as the control tower, Japan will enhance its public relations in an integrated and strategic manner through a government-wide approach. Fully utilizing various information technologies and diverse media, Japan will also strengthen its information dissemination in foreign languages.
  - Japan will cooperate with educational institutions, key figures, and think tanks, and in doing so, promote Japanese language education overseas and train personnel who are capable of contributing to strategic public relations efforts and other areas.
  - By precisely and effectively communicating information on Japan’s position based on objective facts, Japan will be able to gain accurate understanding in the form of international opinion.
- (3) Reinforcing the Social Base
- It is essential that each and every Japanese national hopes to contribute to peace and stability in the region and the world, and to the improvement of the welfare of humanity, as well as that they perceive national security as a familiar and immediate issue for them, and have deep understanding of its importance and complexity.
  - Japan will foster respect for other countries and their people as well as love for the country and region.
  - Japan will advance measures that raise awareness with regard to security on such issues as territory and sovereignty, and that increase understanding of the activities of the SDF

and the U.S. Forces in Japan.

(4) Enhancing the Intellectual Base

- Japan will seek to enhance education on security-related subjects at institutions of higher education.
- Exchanges will be deepened between the Government and institutions of higher education, think tanks, etc.
- Japan will promote the fostering of private-sector experts and government officials.

**Reference 2 NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM GUIDELINES for FY 2019 and beyond**

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**I. NDPG's Objective**

Japan since the end of World War II has consistently treaded the path of a peace-loving nation. This has been accomplished by the persistent efforts of our forerunners under the principle of maintaining peace.

The most consequential responsibility of the Government of Japan is to maintain Japan's peace and security, to ensure its survival and to defend to the end Japanese nationals' life, person and property of its nationals and territorial land, waters and airspace. This is the foremost responsibility that Japan must fulfill as a sovereign nation. Carrying out this responsibility by exerting efforts on its own accord and initiative is at the very heart of Japan's national security. Japan's defense capability is the ultimate guarantor of its security and the clear representation of the unwavering will and ability of Japan as a peace-loving nation. And maintaining Japan's peace and security is an essential premise for its prosperity.

At present, security environment surrounding Japan is changing at extremely high speeds. Changes in the balance of power in the international arena are accelerating and becoming more complex, and uncertainty over the existing order is increasing. In addition, rapid expansion in the use of new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum is poised to fundamentally change the existing paradigm of national security, which has prioritized responses in traditional, physical domains, which are land, sea and air.

Even under these circumstances, Japan will vigorously march forward as a peace-loving nation. To do so, Japan, amid the dramatically changing security environment, needs to fundamentally strengthen its national defense architecture with which to protect, by exerting efforts on its own accord and initiative, life, person and property of its nationals, territorial land, waters and airspace, and its sovereignty and independence, thereby expanding roles Japan can fulfill. Today, no country can preserve its security by itself alone. Strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance as well as security cooperation with other countries are critical to Japan's national security, and this cannot be achieved without Japan's own efforts. The international community also expects Japan to play roles that are commensurate with its national power.

In strengthening its defense capability, Japan must squarely face the aforementioned realities of national security and ensure necessary and sufficient quality and quantity so as to build a truly effective defense capability that does not lie on a linear extension of the past. In particular, it has become essential that Japan achieve superiority in new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum. To build a new defense capability that combines strengths across all domains, Japan needs to engage in

a transformation at a pace that is fundamentally different from the past, completely shedding the thinking that relies on traditional division among land, sea, and air. On the other hand, given the rapidly aging population with declining birthrates and severe fiscal situation, Japan cannot strengthen its defense capability without thorough rationalization that does not dwell on the past.

The Japan-U.S. Alliance, together with Japan's own defense architecture, continues to be the cornerstone of Japan's national security. As stated above, Japan's fulfillment of its foremost responsibility as a sovereign nation is the very way to fulfill its roles under the Japan-U.S. Alliance and further enhance the Alliance's ability to deter and counter threats, and is a foundation upon which to strategically promote security cooperation in line with the vision of free and open Indo-Pacific.

Based on the foregoing thoughts, the Government, in line with "On National Security Strategy" (approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet on December 17, 2013, and hereinafter referred to as "National Security Strategy"), hereby sets forth the "National Defense Program Guidelines for FY 2019 and beyond" as the new guidelines regarding how Japan's national defense ought to be to form the foundation of Japan's future.

**II. Security Environment Surrounding Japan**

**1. Characteristics of current security environment**

In the international community, interdependency among countries further expands and deepens. On the other hand, thanks to further growth of national power of such countries as China, changes in the balance of power are accelerating and becoming more complex, thereby increasing uncertainty over the existing order. Against such a backdrop, prominently emerging are inter-state competitions across the political, economic and military realms, in which states seek to shape global and regional order to their advantage as well as to increase their influence.

These inter-state competitions occur on a continuous basis: In conducting inter-state competitions, states leverage various means such as undermining other country's sovereignty using military and law-enforcement entities, and manipulating foreign country's public opinion by exploiting social media. Also, the so-called gray-zone situations are becoming persistent over a long period of time, playing out as part of inter-state competitions. They may possibly further increase and expand.

Such gray-zone situations harbor the risk of rapidly developing into graver situations without showing clear indications. In addition, methods employed to alter the status quo, such as "hybrid warfare," that intentionally blur the boundaries between the military and non-military realms are forcing affected actors to take complex measures not limited to military ones.

Driven by rapid technological innovation in information & communications and other fields, military technologies are showing remarkable advances. Against the backdrop of such technological advances, contemporary warfare increasingly features capabilities combined across all domains: not only land, sea and air but also new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum. Aiming to improve overall military capability, states are seeking to gain superiority in technologies that undergird capabilities in new domains. Since space and cyber domains are widely used for civilian purposes, if stable use of these domains is impeded, it may entail serious consequences for the safety of state and its citizens.

Due to advances in military technologies, a variety of threats can now easily penetrate national borders. States endeavor to develop weapons that leverage cutting-edge, potentially game-changing technologies. They also engage in research of autonomous unmanned weapon systems equipped with artificial



intelligence (AI). Further technological innovations hereafter are expected to make it difficult still to foresee future warfare.

In the international community, there is a broadening and diversifying array of security challenges that cannot be dealt with by a single country alone. With respect to space and cyber domains, establishing international rules and norms has been a security agenda. In maritime domain, there have been cases where country unilaterally claims its entitlements or take actions based on its own assertions that are incompatible with existing international order. These have generated undue infringement upon freedom in high seas. In addition, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction including nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, and ballistic missiles as well as worsening international terrorism remain grave challenges for the international community.

Against such background, qualitatively and quantitatively superior military powers concentrate in Japan's surroundings where clear trends are observed in further military build-up and increase in military activities.

## 2. Situations by country and region

While remaining to possess the world's largest comprehensive national power, the United States, with inter-state competitions in a range of areas prominently emerging, has acknowledged that particularly important challenge is strategic competition with China and Russia who attempt to alter global and regional order.

To rebuild its military power, the United States is engaged in such efforts as maintaining military advantage in all domains through technological innovations, enhancing nuclear deterrent, and advancing missile defense capabilities. The United States upholds defense commitments to allies and partners and maintains forward force presence, while calling on them to share greater responsibility. The United States frames the Indo-Pacific as a priority region where it adopts a policy of strengthening alliances and partnerships.

Member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) including the United States are reviewing their strategies to deal with coercive attempts to alter the status-quo as well as "hybrid warfare." In view of changes in the security environment, NATO member states have been increasing their defense expenditures.

With an aim to build "world-class forces" by the mid-21st century, China has sustained high-level growth of defense expenditures with continued lack of transparency. China has engaged in broad, rapid improvement of its military power in qualitative and quantitative terms with focus on nuclear, missile, naval and air forces. In so doing, China attaches importance to ensuring superiority in new domains: it is rapidly advancing capabilities in cyber and electromagnetic domains with which to disrupt opponent's command and control; and continues to enhance space domain capabilities through developing and experimenting anti-satellite weapons. China is also improving missile defense penetration capabilities and amphibious landing capabilities. Such capability enhancement serves to improve the so-called Anti-Access/Area Denial ("A2/AD") capabilities—capabilities to deny access and deployment of foreign militaries to one's surrounding areas and to disrupt their military operations therein—as well as to build capabilities with which to conduct military operations over greater distances. In addition, China is promoting civil-military integration policy in areas of national defense, science & technology and industry, and actively developing and acquiring cutting-edge technologies of potential military utility. Also, maritime law enforcement agencies and the military are improving their collaboration.

China engages in unilateral, coercive attempts to alter the

status quo based on its own assertions that are incompatible with existing international order. In the East China Sea and other waters, China is expanding and intensifying its military activities at sea and in the air. Around the Senkaku Islands, an inherent part of Japanese territory, Chinese government vessels continually violate Japanese territorial waters despite Japan's strong protests while Chinese naval ships continuously operate in waters around the Islands. China is also expanding its military activities in the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Japan. In particular, the Chinese military in recent years has frequently advanced to the Pacific, with its navigation routes and unit composition becoming more diverse. In the South China Sea, China has forcibly conducted large-scale, rapid reclamation of maritime features, which are being converted into military foothold. China in the South China Sea is also expanding and intensifying its maritime and air activities.

Such Chinese military and other developments, coupled with the lack of transparency surrounding its defense policy and military power, represent a serious security concern for the region including Japan and for the international community. Japan needs to continue to pay utmost attention to these developments. China is eagerly expected to play active roles in a more cooperative manner in the region and the international community.

North Korea in recent years has launched ballistic missiles at unprecedented frequency, rapidly improving its operational capabilities such as simultaneous launch and surprise attack. Given technological maturity obtained through a series of nuclear tests, North Korea is assessed to have already successfully miniaturized nuclear weapons to fit ballistic missile warheads. Although North Korea expressed its intention for complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and blew up in public its nuclear test site, it has not carried out the dismantlement of all weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner: There has been no essential change in North Korea's nuclear and missile capabilities.

North Korea is assessed to possess large-scale cyber units as part of its asymmetric military capabilities, engaging in theft of military secrets and developing capabilities to attack critical infrastructure of foreign countries. North Korea also retains large-scale special operation forces.

Such military developments of North Korea pose grave and imminent threats to Japan's security and significantly undermine peace and security of the region and the international community. Through United Nations Security Council resolutions, the international community also has made it clear that North Korea's nuclear- and ballistic missile-related activities constitute a clear threat to international peace and security.

Russia is enhancing its military posture by continuing force modernization efforts with a focus on nuclear forces. Russia is in sharp confrontation with Europe and the United States over issues including situation in Ukraine. Russia's military activities are trending upward in the Arctic Circle, Europe, areas around the United States and the Middle East, as well as in the Far East including Japan's Northern Territories. Close attention therefore needs to be paid to its developments.

## 3. Characteristics of Japan

Surrounded by sea on all sides and with long coastlines, Japan possesses numerous islands remote from the mainland and is blessed with vast Exclusive Economic Zones: spread widely therein are life, person and property of its nationals, territorial land, waters and airspace, as well as various resources, all of which Japan must defend to the end. For Japan, a maritime nation dependent on overseas trade for the bulk of energy resources and

food supplies, fundamental to its peace and prosperity is to ensure the safety of maritime and air traffic by strengthening the order of “Open and Stable Oceans,” an order based on fundamental norms such as rule of law and freedom of navigation.

Japan is prone to natural disasters that exact heavy damage. Industry, population and information infrastructure concentrate in Japan’s urban areas, and a large number of critical facilities such as nuclear power plants are located in coastal areas.

In addition, Japan is undergoing population decline and ageing with dwindling birthrate at unprecedented pace. Severe fiscal conditions continue as well.

#### 4. Summary

In light of the foregoing, while the probability of a large-scale military conflict between major countries, which was of concern during the Cold War era, remains low, Japan’s security environment is becoming more testing and uncertain at a remarkably faster speed than expected when the “National Defense Program Guidelines for FY 2014 and beyond” (approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet on December 17, 2013 and hereinafter referred to as the “former Guidelines”) was formulated.

To prevent threats to Japan from materializing to menace life and peaceful livelihood of its nationals, it behooves Japan to take measures that are in line with these realities.

### III. Japan’s Basic Defense Policy

In line with the National Security Strategy and from the perspective of “Proactive Contribution to Peace,” Japan has enhanced its diplomatic strength and defense capability. Japan has also expanded and deepened cooperative relationships with other countries, with the Japan-U.S. Alliance being a cornerstone. In so doing, Japan under the Constitution has adhered to the basic precept of maintaining the exclusively defense-oriented policy and not becoming a military power that poses threat to other countries, ensured civilian control of the military, and observed the Three Non-Nuclear Principles.

Japan under these precepts will ever not change the course it has taken as a peace-loving nation. Based on this premise, Japan, even amid the realities of security environment it has hitherto never faced, must strive to preserve national interests identified in the National Security Strategy—defend to the end Japanese nationals’ life, person and property, territorial land, waters and airspace, and its sovereignty and independence. To that end, the Government will identify national defense objectives and the means to achieve them, and proactively and strategically promote measures with added variety.

National defense objectives are: first, to create, on a steady-state basis, security environment desirable for Japan by integrating and drawing on the strengths at the nation’s disposal; second, to deter threat from reaching Japan by making opponent realize that doing harm to Japan would be difficult and consequential; and finally, should threat reach Japan, to squarely counter the threat and minimize damage.

Japan will strengthen each of the means by which to successfully achieve these national defense objectives: Japan’s own architecture for national defense; the Japan-U.S. Alliance; and international security cooperation. These efforts, including achieving superiority in new domains, which are space, cyberspace, and electromagnetic spectrum, must be carried out swiftly and flexibly in order to deal with increasingly complex security environment that is changing at accelerating speeds.

In dealing with the threat of nuclear weapons, U.S. extended deterrence, with nuclear deterrence at its core, is essential: Japan

will closely cooperate with the United States to maintain and enhance its credibility. To deal with the threat, Japan will also increase its own efforts including comprehensive air and missile defense as well as civil protection. At the same time, towards the long-term goal of bringing about a world free of nuclear weapons, Japan will play an active and positive role in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

### 1. Strengthening Japan’s own architecture for national defense

#### (1) Building comprehensive architecture for national defense

In order to squarely address the realities of security environment that it has hitherto never faced and to securely achieve national defense objectives, Japan will build national defense architecture that in all phases integrates the strengths at the nation’s disposal: this structure enables not only Ministry of Defense (MOD) and Self-Defense Forces (SDF) efforts but also coherent, whole-of-government efforts; and enables cooperation with local governments and private entities. In particular, Japan will accelerate its efforts and cooperation in such fields as space, cyberspace, electromagnetic spectrum, ocean, and science & technology, and also promote measures concerning the formulation of international norms in fields such as space and cyberspace.

Japan will further advance steady-state efforts such as strategic communications by systematically combining all available policy tools.

In order to address a range of situations including armed contingencies and “gray-zone” situations, Japan has been strengthening its posture under the principle of civilian control of the military. Japan further needs to seamlessly deal with various situations in a coherent, whole-of-government manner by way of swift and pertinent decision-making under even stronger political leadership, which will be assisted by enhanced support mechanism. In view of protecting the life, person and property of its nationals, Japan will also continue to strengthen organization for disaster response and civil protection, and, in cooperation with local governments, work to secure evacuation facilities. Japan will build a posture fully prepared to evacuate Japanese nationals overseas during emergencies and ensure their safety. Japan will promote measures to protect infrastructure critical to people’s daily lives such as electricity and communication as well as to protect cyberspace.

In addition to making aforementioned efforts, in order to ensure the effectiveness of various policies and measures, Japan will, on a steady-state basis, devise and review relevant plans while systematizing them; also, expand the use of simulations and comprehensive training and exercises to improve the effectiveness of emergency response posture.

#### (2) Strengthening Japan’s defense capability

##### a. Significance and necessity of defense capability

Defense capability is the ultimate guarantor of Japan’s national security. Defense capability represents Japan’s will and ability to: deter threat from reaching Japan; and should threat reach Japan, eliminate the threat and, as a sovereign nation, by exerting efforts on its own accord and initiative, defend to the end Japanese nationals’ life, person and property as well as territorial land, waters and airspace.

At the same time, defense capability is essential for Japan to play on its initiative its roles in the Japan-U.S. Alliance at all phases from peacetime to armed contingencies. Strengthening Japan’s defense capability to provide for national security is none other than strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance. Defense capability is essential also for advancing Japan’s efforts in



security cooperation with other countries.

Defense capability is the most important strength for Japan in retaining self-sustained existence as a sovereign nation amid security environment it has never faced before. Japan must strengthen this capability on its own accord and initiative.

#### b. Truly effective defense capability – Multi-domain Defense Force

To be able to deter and counter qualitatively and quantitatively superior military threats in increasingly testing security environment, it has become vitally important to adapt to warfare that combines capabilities in new domains—space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum—and traditional domains—land, sea and air.

Japan needs to develop, while qualitatively and quantitatively enhancing capabilities in individual domains, a defense capability that can execute cross-domain operations, which organically fuse capabilities in all domains to generate synergy and amplify the overall strength, so that even when inferiority exists in individual domains such inferiority will be overcome and national defense accomplished.

In order to ensure national defense in increasingly uncertain security environment, it is also important for Japan to be able to seamlessly conduct activities at all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies. To date, Japan has endeavored to develop a defense capability that allows to engage in diverse activities in a swift and sustainable manner. In recent years, however, SDF has had to increase the scope and frequency of its steady-state activities such as maintaining presence, as well as intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) activities: This is exacting a chronic burden on its personnel and equipment, generating a concern that SDF may not be able to maintain proficiency and the volume of its activities.

Japan needs to: improve quality and quantity of capabilities that support sustainability and resiliency of various activities; and develop a defense capability that enables sustained conduct of flexible and strategic activities commensurate with the character of given situations.

Further, Japan's defense capability needs to be capable of strengthening the ability of the Japan-U.S. Alliance to deter and counter threats as well as promoting multi-faceted and multi-layered security cooperation.

In light of the foregoing, Japan will henceforth build a truly effective defense capability, "Multi-Domain Defense Force," which: organically fuses capabilities in all domains including space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum; and is capable of sustained conduct of flexible and strategic activities during all phases from peacetime to armed contingencies. The development of "Multi-Domain Defense Force" will be done while honing the attributes of "Dynamic Joint Defense Force" under the former Guidelines.

### (3) Roles that defense capability should play

In order to create a security environment desirable for Japan and to deter and counter threats, Japan's defense capability must be able to serve the roles specified below in a seamless and combined manner. In particular, in view of protecting the life and peaceful livelihood of Japanese nationals, it is all the more important for Japan's defense capability to fulfill diverse roles on a steady-state basis.

#### a. From peacetime to "gray-zone" situations

SDF will enhance its presence on a steady-state basis by actively engaging in, among others, bilateral/multilateral training and exercises and overseas port visits, thereby demonstrating Japan's will and capability. SDF will, in close integration with diplomacy, promote strategic communications including aforementioned

activities by SDF units. SDF will leverage its capabilities in all domains to conduct wide-area, persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (hereinafter referred to as "persistent ISR") activities around Japan. SDF will prevent occurrence or escalation of emergencies by employing flexible deterrent options and other measures. Leveraging posture in place for these activities, SDF will, in coordination with the police and other agencies, immediately take appropriate measures in response to actions that violate Japan's sovereignty including incursions into its territorial airspace and waters.

SDF will provide persistent protection against incoming ballistic missiles and other threats, and minimize damage should it occur.

#### b. Attack against Japan including its remote islands

In response to attack on Japan including its remote islands, SDF will quickly maneuver and deploy requisite units to block access and landing of invading forces while ensuring maritime and air superiority. Even when maintaining maritime and air superiority becomes untenable, SDF will block invading forces' access and landing from outside their threat envelopes. Should any part of the territory be occupied, SDF will retake it by employing all necessary measures.

Against airborne attack by missiles and aircraft, SDF will respond in a swift and sustained manner by applying optimal means and minimize damage to maintain SDF's capabilities as well as the infrastructure upon which such capabilities are employed.

In response to attack by guerrillas or special operations forces, SDF will protect critical facilities including nuclear power plants and search and destroy infiltrating forces.

#### c. Space, cyber and electromagnetic domains during all phases

In space, cyber and electromagnetic domains, to prevent any actions that impede its activities, SDF will conduct on a steady-state basis persistent monitoring as well as collection and analysis of relevant information. In case of such event, SDF will promptly identify incidents and take such measures as damage limitation and recovery.

In case of armed attack against Japan, SDF will, on top of taking these actions, block and eliminate the attack by leveraging capabilities in space, cyber and electromagnetic domains.

In addition, in light of the society's growing dependence on space and cyberspace, SDF will contribute to comprehensive, whole-of-government efforts concerning these domains under appropriate partnership and shared responsibility with relevant organizations.

#### d. Large-scale disasters

In case of large-scale disasters, to protect the life, person, and property of Japanese nationals, SDF will swiftly transport and deploy requisite units to take all necessary measures for initial response, and, as required, maintain its posture for disaster response for a longer term. SDF will carefully address the needs of affected citizens and local governments, and engage in life saving, temporary repair and livelihood support in appropriate partnership and cooperation with relevant organizations, local governments and the private sector.

#### e. Collaboration with the United States based on the Japan-U.S. Alliance

In all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies, in line with the "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation," Japan will effectively conduct activities described in 2. by playing on its initiative its own roles in the Japan-U.S. Alliance.

#### f. Promotion of security cooperation

SDF will actively engage in efforts for enhanced security cooperation as stated in 3.: In accordance with policies that are tailored to individual regions and countries, SDF will

strategically promote defense cooperation and exchanges such as: joint training and exercises, cooperation in defense equipment and technologies, capacity building assistance, and service-to-service exchange.

## 2. Strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance

The Japan-U.S. Security Arrangements based on the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, together with Japan's own national defense architecture, constitute a cornerstone for Japan's national security. The Japan-U.S. Alliance, with the Japan-U.S. Security Arrangements as its core, plays a significant role for peace, stability and prosperity of not only Japan but also the Indo-Pacific region and the international community.

As inter-state competitions prominently emerge, it has become all the more important for Japan's national security to further strengthen relationship with the United States, with whom Japan shares universal values and strategic interests. The United States also views that cooperation with its allies has become more important.

While the Japan-U.S. Alliance has been reinforced through activities including those that were made possible by the Legislation for Peace and Security, Japan needs to further enhance the Alliance through efforts under the "Guidelines for Japan-US Defense Cooperation" in order to achieve its national defense objective as security environment surrounding Japan becomes more testing and uncertain at remarkably fast speeds.

In further strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance, it is an essential premise that Japan strengthen its own defense capability on its own accord and initiative. Fulfilling this premise, Japan needs to press ahead with efforts such as: bolstering the ability of the Alliance to deter and counter threats; enhancing and expanding cooperation in a wide range of areas; and steadily implementing measures concerning the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan.

### (1) Strengthening ability of Japan-U.S. Alliance to deter and counter threats

In all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies as well as during disasters, Japan will enhance information sharing with the United States, conduct effective and smooth bilateral coordination involving all relevant organizations and take all necessary measures to ensure Japan's peace and security.

For these purposes, Japan will further deepen various operational cooperation and policy coordination with the United States. In particular, Japan will expand and deepen cooperation in: space and cyber domains; comprehensive air and missile defense; bilateral training and exercises; bilateral ISR operations; and bilateral flexible deterrent options. Japan will also promote formulation and renewal of bilateral plans and deepen the Extended Deterrence Dialogue. In addition, Japan will even more actively conduct activities such as logistic support for U.S. force activities and protection of U.S. ships and aircraft.

### (2) Strengthening and expanding cooperation in a wide range of areas

In order to create a desirable security environment including maintaining and enhancing free and open maritime order, and with an eye on increasing Japanese and U.S. presence in the Indo-Pacific region, Japan will conduct bilateral activities such as capacity building assistance, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) and counter-piracy.

In order for Japan and the United States to be able to fully leverage their capabilities during bilateral activities, Japan will enhance and expand cooperation with the United States in such areas as equipment, technology, facility, and intelligence as well as information security.

In particular, Japan will promote standardization of defense equipment that contributes to Japan-U.S. bilateral activities, and sharing of various networks. In order to support sustainable U.S. force activities around Japan as well as to ensure high operational availability of SDF equipment, Japan will build capacity for in-country maintenance of U.S.-made equipment.

To efficiently improve Japanese and U.S. capabilities, while facilitating common understanding of respective priorities in defense capability enhancement, promote measures such as effective acquisition of advanced U.S. equipment through optimized Foreign Military Sales (FMS) and Japan-U.S. joint research and development.

With respect to SDF facilities and U.S. force facilities and areas including training facilities and areas, Japan will promote cooperation on joint/shared use and efforts for improved resiliency.

### (3) Steady implementation of measures concerning stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan

Japan will provide stable support for smooth and effective stationing of U.S. forces in Japan through various measures including Host Nation Support (HNS). Japan will also steadily implement the realignment of U.S. forces in Japan to mitigate impact on local communities while maintaining deterrence provided by U.S. forces.

Okinawa is located in areas critically important to Japan's national security and U.S. force stationing in Okinawa greatly contributes to deterrent the Japan-U.S. Alliance provides: At the same time, facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Japan are highly concentrated in Okinawa. In light of this, Japan in recent years has been furthering its efforts to mitigate impact on Okinawa including returns of U.S. facilities and areas. Japan will continue to work to mitigate impact on Okinawa by steadily implementing such measures as realignment, consolidation and reduction of facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Okinawa including the relocation of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma as well as the dispersion of impact on Okinawa.

## 3. Strengthening security cooperation

In line with the vision of free and open Indo-Pacific, Japan will strategically promote multifaceted and multilayered security cooperation, taking into account characteristics and situation specific to each region and country. As part of such efforts, Japan will actively leverage its defense capability to work on defense cooperation and exchanges which include bilateral training and exercises, defense equipment and technology cooperation, capacity building assistance, and interchanges among military branches. Furthermore, Japan will also contribute to address global security challenges. In implementing these initiatives, Japan will position the Japan-U.S. Alliance as its cornerstone and will work closely with the countries that share universal values and security interests, through full coordination with its diplomatic policy.

### (1) Promoting defense cooperation and exchanges

With Australia, to further improve interoperability and by utilizing frameworks such as Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations ("2+2"), Japan will further promote bilateral training and exercises and defense equipment and technology cooperation, and advance cooperative activities such as bilaterally-aligned capacity building assistance to third parties. Japan will also strengthen cooperative relations under trilateral framework among Japan, Australia and the United States, which share universal values and strategic interests.

With India, in view of enhancing strategic partnership and by utilizing frameworks such as “2+2,” Japan will promote bilateral training and exercises and defense equipment and technology cooperation in a broad range of areas including maritime security. Japan will also strengthen cooperation among Japan, India and the United States.

With Southeast Asian countries, Japan will continue to support efforts for strengthening the centrality and unity of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which is the key to regional cooperation, and promote practical bilateral and multilateral cooperation, including bilateral training and exercises, defense equipment and technology cooperation, and capacity building assistance.

With the Republic of Korea (ROK), Japan will promote defense cooperation in a broad range of fields and strive to establish the foundation for collaboration. Japan will also continue to strengthen trilateral cooperation among Japan, the ROK and the United States to maintain peace and stability in the region.

With the United Kingdom and France, to contribute to the stability of maritime order in the Indo-Pacific region, Japan will, while leveraging such frameworks as the “2+2,” promote efforts including more practical bilateral training and exercises, defense equipment and technology cooperation and bilateral collaboration on third-party engagement. Japan will strengthen cooperation with European countries as well as NATO and the European Union (EU).

With Canada and New Zealand, Japan will promote efforts including bilateral/multilateral training and exercises as well as bilateral collaboration on third-party engagement.

With China, in order to enhance mutual understanding and trust, Japan will promote multi-layered dialogues and exchange. In so doing, Japan will continue to encourage China to play responsible and constructive roles for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, comply with international norms of conduct, and improve transparency regarding military capability enhancement. In order to avoid unexpected situations between the two countries, Japan will utilize the “Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the defense authorities of Japan and China” in a manner that contributes to building a trusting relationship between the two countries. Japan will calmly and firmly deal with Chinese activities at sea and in the air around Japan.

With Russia, in order to enhance mutual understanding and trust, Japan will promote security dialogues with Russia including the “2+2,” high-level interactions and broad unit-to-unit exchanges, and deepen bilateral training and exercises.

With island nations of the Pacific Ocean, Japan will promote port and airport visits by SDF as well as exchanges and cooperation that utilize capabilities and characteristics of each service of SDF.

With countries in Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa, in order to build and strengthen cooperative relations Japan will promote exchanges at all levels, including high level, and cooperation in such fields as capacity building assistance related to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

Regarding multilateral frameworks, Japan attaches importance to the East Asia Summit (EAS), the ASEAN Defense Ministers’ Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) that provide significant foundations for discussions, cooperation and exchanges related to security field in the Indo-Pacific region. In addition, Japan will contribute to strengthening cooperation and mutual trust among the countries in the region.

## (2) Responding to global issues

From the viewpoint of securing the freedom and security of navigation and flight, Japan will promote cooperation to

contribute to the improvement of capabilities pertaining to the maritime security of coastal states in the Indo-Pacific region, which include South Asian countries such as India and Sri Lanka, as well as Southeast Asian countries. Moreover, Japan will promote such activities as bilateral/multilateral training and exercises, unit-to-unit exchanges and active port visits at these occasions. Japan will also conduct activities such as anti-piracy efforts in cooperation with relevant countries and cooperation for strengthening capabilities of the Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).

Regarding the use of space domain, Japan will promote partnership and cooperation in various fields including the Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and mission assurance of the entire space system, through consultations and information sharing with relevant countries and active participation in multilateral exercises among others. Regarding the use of cyber domain, Japan will enhance its partnership and cooperation with relevant countries through measures such as sharing views on threat awareness, exchanging views on response to cyber attacks, and participating in multilateral exercises.

In cooperation with relevant countries and international organizations, Japan will promote non-proliferation efforts regarding: weapons of mass destruction and missiles which can serve as their delivery means; and goods and sensitive technologies of potential military use. Leveraging SDF’s knowledge and human resources, Japan will engage in various activities related to arms control and disarmament undertaken by the United Nations and other bodies, including the discussion on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS).

In line with the Legislation for Peace and Security, Japan will actively promote international peace cooperation activities, while giving comprehensive consideration to such factors as purposes of mission, situation in host country, and political and economic relations between Japan and host country. While making good use of past experiences to develop human resources, Japan will actively contribute through such efforts as sending embedded personnel to mission headquarters and capacity building assistance in areas that Japan excels. Regarding SDF operation facility in the Republic of Djibouti, which is used for anti-piracy efforts, Japan will work towards stable, long-term use of the facility for regional security cooperation and other activities.

## IV. Priorities in Strengthening Defense Capability

### 1. Guiding thoughts

In order to adapt to increasingly rapid changes in security environment, Japan must strengthen its defense capability at speeds that are fundamentally different from the past. In view of aging population with declining birth rate and severe fiscal situation, it is essential that Japan use budget and personnel even more effectively.

In strengthening defense capability, Japan will enhance priority capability areas as early as possible, allocating resources flexibly and intensively without adhering to existing budget and human resource allocation, and undertake necessary fundamental reforms.

In taking these measures, SDF will further promote jointness of the Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces in all areas and, avoiding stove-piped approach, optimize their organizations and equipment. In particular, SDF will further promote jointness in a wide range of areas such as capabilities in new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum, comprehensive air and missile defense, damage recovery, transportation, maintenance, supply, security, education, medical



service and research.

With respect to hedging against invasion scenarios such as amphibious landing employing large-scale ground forces, which were assumed primarily during the Cold War period, SDF will retain forces only enough to maintain and carry on the minimum necessary expertise and skills with which to adapt to changes in situation in the future, and work further to achieve even greater efficiency and rationalization.

## 2. Priorities in strengthening capabilities necessary for cross-domain operations

### (1) Acquiring and strengthening capabilities in space, cyber and electromagnetic domains

In order to realize cross-domain operations, SDF will acquire and strengthen capabilities in new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum by focusing resources and leveraging Japan's superb science and technology. In doing so, SDF will strengthen and protect command, control, communications and information capabilities that effectively connect capabilities in all domains including the new ones.

#### a. Capabilities in space domain

Effective use of satellites for such purposes as information-gathering, communication and positioning is essential for realizing cross-domain operations. On the other hand, threats to the stable use of space are increasing.

SDF therefore will further improve various capabilities that leverage space domain including information-gathering, communication and positioning capabilities. SDF will also build a structure to conduct persistent ground- and space-based space situation monitoring. To ensure superiority in use of space at all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies, SDF will also work to strengthen capabilities including mission assurance capability and capability to disrupt opponent's command, control, communications and information.

In so doing, SDF will actively leverage civilian technologies and work to enhance cooperation with relevant agencies including the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and with the United States and other relevant countries. SDF will also engage in organization building such as the creation of units specializing in space and dedicated career field, and develop human resources and accumulate knowledge and expertise in the space field.

#### b. Capabilities in cyber domain

Information and communications networks that leverage cyberspace are a foundation for SDF's activities in various domains, and attack against them seriously disrupts organized activities of SDF. In order to prevent such attack, SDF will continue to strengthen capabilities for persistent monitoring of command and communications systems and networks as well as for damage limitation and recovery. In addition, SDF will fundamentally strengthen its cyber defense capability, including capability to disrupt, during attack against Japan, opponent's use of cyberspace for the attack.

In so doing, SDF will significantly expand its human resources with specialized expertise and skills, and take into consideration its contributions to whole-of-government efforts.

#### c. Capabilities in electromagnetic domain

Since the use of electromagnetic spectrum has expanded in range and purpose, it is now recognized as a major operational domain situated on the frontline of offense-defense dynamic in today's warfare. Ensuring superiority in electromagnetic domain is also critical to realizing cross-domain operations.

SDF will work to enhance information and communications capabilities as well as information collection and analysis capabilities related to electromagnetics, and develop an

information sharing posture. SDF will improve capabilities to minimize the effect of opponent's electronic jamming. In addition, SDF will strengthen capabilities to neutralize radar and communications of opponent who intends to invade Japan. In order to smoothly perform these activities, SDF will enhance its ability to appropriately manage and coordinate the use of electromagnetic spectrum.

### (2) Enhancing capabilities in traditional domains

SDF will enhance capabilities to effectively counter attacks by aircraft, ships and missiles during cross-domain operations in close combination with capabilities in space, cyber and electromagnetic domains.

#### a. Capabilities in maritime and air domains

In order to effectively deal with armed attack against Japan, it is extremely important for Japan to establish and maintain maritime and air superiority.

SDF will reinforce its posture for conducting persistent ISR at sea and in the air around Japan.

SDF will also strengthen surface and underwater operational capabilities including Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUV).

By taking measures such as developing a fighter force structure that features Short Take-Off and Vertical Landing (STOVL) fighter aircraft which bring operational flexibility, SDF will improve air operation capability particularly on the Pacific side of Japan, where number of air bases is limited despite its vast airspace. In so doing, as number of air bases that allow for take-off and landing of fighters is limited, Japan will take necessary measures to enable STOVL fighter aircraft to operate from existing SDF ships as required, in order to further improve flexibility in fighter operations while ensuring safety of SDF personnel.

#### b. Stand-off defense capability

As other countries make remarkable advances in early warning and control capabilities and the performance of various missiles, SDF needs to effectively intercept attack against Japan, while ensuring safety of its personnel.

SDF will acquire stand-off firepower and other requisite capabilities to deal with ships and landing forces attempting to invade Japan including remote islands from the outside of their threat envelopes. In addition, in order to appropriately leverage advances in military technologies, Japan will swiftly and flexibly strengthen stand-off defense capability through measures such as comprehensive research and development of related technologies.

#### c. Comprehensive air and missile defense capability

Japan needs to effectively and efficiently counter increasingly diverse and complex airborne threats of ballistic and cruise missiles and aircraft by optimum means and minimize damage.

SDF will establish a structure with which to conduct integrated operation of various equipment pieces, those for missile defense as well as air defense equipment that each SDF service has separately used, thereby providing persistent nationwide protection and also enhancing capability to simultaneously deal with multiple, complex airborne threats. SDF will also study ways to counter future airborne threats.

Based on basic role and mission sharing between Japan and the United States, in order to strengthen the deterrent of the Japan-U.S. Alliance as a whole, Japan will continue to study a potential form of response capability to address the means for missile launch and related facilities and will take necessary measures.

#### d. Maneuver and deployment capability

In order to effectively deal with various situations such as attack on remote islands, requisite SDF units need to conduct sustained, persistent activities in appropriate areas on a steady-state basis and to maneuver and deploy according to situation.

SDF will strengthen amphibious operation and other capabilities. In addition, to enable swift and large-scale transport, SDF will strengthen joint transport capability including inter- and intra-theater transport capabilities tailored to the characteristics of remote island areas. SDF will also work to collaborate with commercial transport on a steady-state basis.

### (3) Strengthening sustainability and resiliency

To be able to sustain a range of requisite activities at all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies, sustainability and resiliency of defense capability including logistics support needs to be enhanced.

SDF will take necessary measures for securing ammunition and fuel, ensuring maritime shipping lanes, and protecting important infrastructure. In particular, while cooperating with relevant ministries and agencies, SDF will improve sustainability through safe and steady acquisition and stockpiling of ammunition and fuel. SDF will also improve resiliency in a multi-layered way through efforts including dispersion, recovery, and substitution of infrastructure and other foundations for SDF operations. Further, SDF will work toward more effective and efficient equipment maintenance by reviewing existing maintenance methods, thereby ensuring high operational availability.

## 3. Priorities in strengthening core elements of defense capability

### (1) Reinforcing human resource base

The core element of defense capability is SDF personnel. Securing human resources for SDF personnel and improving their ability and morale are essential to strengthening defense capability. This has become an imminent challenge in the face of shrinking and aging population with declining birth rates. Also in light of sustainability and resilience of defense capability, SDF needs to work even further to reinforce human resource base that sustains SDF personnel.

MOD/SDF will promote efforts, including those address institutional aspects, in order to secure diverse, high-quality talents from a wider range of people. These efforts include: various recruitment measures such as cooperation with local governments and other entities; diversifying applicant pool including college graduates; expanding women's participation; appropriate extension of SDF personnel's mandatory retirement ages; leveraging retired SDF personnel as well as reserve personnel; and measures for raising fulfillment rates. MOD/SDF will also promote manpower saving and automation by leveraging technological innovations such as artificial intelligence.

To enable all SDF personnel to maintain high morale and continue to fully exercise their ability, MOD/SDF will improve living and work environment and promote work style reforms at MOD/SDF to ensure proper work-life balance.

Through such efforts as enhancing joint education and research, MOD/SDF will enrich education and research to improve SDF's capabilities and foster its unity. MOD/SDF will enhance education for organization management skills. In addition, MOD/SDF will improve treatment through measures concerning honors and privileges, and allowance increase that reflects the special nature of SDF's missions. MOD/SDF will also further improve re-employment support for SDF personnel in view of the fact that it is the responsibility of the Government to secure the livelihood of SDF personnel under the mandatory early retirement system.

### (2) Reviewing equipment structure

MOD/SDF will examine the existing equipment structure from joint operation perspective and build an optimized equipment structure. In so doing, while giving due considerations to capabilities each SDF service requires for its operations, MOD/

SDF will: develop equipment with multiple functional variants; optimize and standardize specifications of equipment; and jointly procure equipment commonly used across SDF services; reduce types of aircraft; suspend the use of equipment whose importance has decreased; and review or discontinue projects of low cost-effectiveness.

### (3) Reinforcing technology base

As character of warfare changes dramatically due to advances in military technologies, it is becoming all the more important to reinforce technological base that has bearing on defense equipment through whole-of-government approach by leveraging Japan's superb science and technology.

MOD/SDF will make focused investments through selection and concentration in important technologies including artificial intelligence and other potentially game-changing technologies. MOD/SDF will also dramatically shorten research and development timelines by streamlining R&D processes and procedures. In doing so, MOD/SDF will encourage company's prior investments and leverage its strength to full potential by actively using design proposal-based competition scheme and improving foreseeability through the formulation of R&D visions on capabilities required for Japan's future national defense.

In addition, MOD/SDF will work to actively leverage potentially dual-use, advanced commercial technologies through such efforts as: technology exchange with relevant domestic and overseas entities; enhanced collaboration with relevant ministries and agencies; and use of the "Innovative Science & Technology Initiative for Security" program.

MOD/SDF will reinforce its structure aimed at early discovery of innovative, emerging technologies and fostering thereof by utilizing and creating think tanks that survey and analyze latest foreign and domestic technological trends.

### (4) Optimizing equipment procurement

In order to secure necessary and sufficient quality and quantity of SDF equipment, MOD/SDF needs to acquire high-performance equipment at the most affordable prices possible. MOD/SDF also needs to do thorough cost management and reduction not only during budget development but also during budget implementation.

MOD/SDF will actively use systematic acquisition methods including long-term contracts which facilitate efficient procurement, and streamline equipment maintenance. MOD/SDF will facilitate competition among domestic and foreign companies, and promote defense equipment development that eyes towards international joint development and production as well as overseas transfer. In order to efficiently procure U.S.-made high-performance equipment, MOD/SDF will promote rationalization of FMS procurement and work to align procurement timings and specifications with U.S. forces and other parties. In taking these steps, MOD/SDF will further strengthen efforts on project management throughout the entire life cycle of defense equipment.

### (5) Strengthening defense industrial base

Japan's defense industry is an essential foundation for the production, operation, and maintenance of defense equipment. For the production of high-performance equipment and to ensure their high operational availability, it is necessary to make defense industrial base more resilient by overcoming challenges such as high costs due to low-volume, high-mix production and lack of international competitiveness, thereby enabling it to effectively adapt to changing security environment.

In addition to taking various measures concerning equipment

structure, technological base, and equipment procurement, to create a competitive environment for companies, MOD/SDF will reform the existing contract system including affording incentives to companies. MOD/SDF will enhance supply-chain risk management and work to further expand Japanese defense industry's participation in maintenance work of imported equipment. For whole-of-government efforts to promote appropriate overseas transfer of defense equipment under the Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology, which permits transfer of defense equipment in cases where the transfer contributes to Japan's security, MOD/SDF will work to make necessary improvements in the Principles' implementation. At the same time, MOD/SDF will strengthen intellectual property management, technology management and information security in order to prevent drain of important defense equipment-related technologies. Through above-mentioned measures, MOD/SDF will work to reduce equipment costs and improve industrial competitiveness, thereby striving to build resilient defense industrial base. MOD/SDF will also examine further measures to that end.

#### (6) Enhancing intelligence capabilities

MOD/SDF will enhance intelligence capabilities to provide timely, effective intelligence support to policy decision and SDF operations. MOD/SDF will strengthen capabilities for each stage of collection, processing, analysis, sharing, and protection so that SDF can promptly detect and swiftly respond to indications of various situations and also take requisite measures based on medium- to long-term military trends.

In so doing, while giving due considerations to technological trends in information processing, MOD/SDF will strengthen capability and posture, including those related to new domains, for the collection of SIGINT, IMINT, HUMINT, OSINT and others. MOD/SDF will enhance collaboration with relevant domestic agencies including the Cabinet Satellite Intelligence Center which operates Information Gathering Satellites and with the ally as well as with other parties. MOD/SDF will work to hire, retain and train personnel for information collection and analysis and to acquire and connect information-sharing systems. MOD/SDF also will establish more robust information security regime and strengthen counter-intelligence capability.

### V. Organization of Self-Defense Forces

In order to realize cross-domain operations, SDF will strengthen joint operations as described in 1 and develop organization of each SDF service as described in sections from 2 to 4. Organic structure of major units and specific quantities of major equipment in the future are as shown in the Annex table.

#### 1. Joint operation to realize cross-domain operations

- (1) In order to further promote joint-ness of GSDF, MSDF and ASDF in all areas, SDF will strengthen the Joint Staff Office's posture designed for effective SDF operations and for new domains, thereby enabling swift exercise of SDF's capabilities. SDF will examine future framework for joint operation. SDF will also work to flexibly leverage personnel of each SDF service through such efforts as building posture for force protection and damage recovery with an eye on mutual cooperation among SDF services.
- (2) SDF will maintain an ASDF unit that specializes in space domain missions, and strengthen its posture for joint operations in order to conduct persistent monitoring of situations in space, and to ensure superiority in use of space

at all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies through such means as mission assurance and disruption of opponent's command, control, communications and information.

- (3) SDF will maintain a cyberspace defense unit as an integrated unit in order to conduct persistent monitoring of SDF's information and communications networks as well as to fundamentally strengthen cyber defense capability, including capability to disrupt, during attack against Japan, opponent's use of cyberspace for the attack.
- (4) SDF will strengthen the Joint Staff Office's posture in order to appropriately manage and coordinate, from joint operation perspective, the use of electromagnetic spectrum. SDF will strengthen each SDF service's posture to enable SDF to collect and analyze information concerning electromagnetic domain and to neutralize radar, communications and others operated by opponent that intends to invade Japan.
- (5) In order to provide persistent nation-wide protection on a steady-state basis and to be able to simultaneously deal with multiple, complex airborne threats: GSDF will maintain surface-to-air guided missile units and ballistic missile defense units; MSDF will maintain Aegis-equipped destroyers; ASDF will maintain surface-to-air guided missile units; and SDF will build comprehensive air and missile defense capability comprising these assets.
- (6) At all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies, SDF will maintain a maritime transport unit as an integrated unit that allows SDF units to swiftly maneuver and deploy in joint operations.

#### 2. Organization of GSDF

- (1) In order to be able to swiftly respond to various situations, GSDF will maintain rapidly deployable basic operational units (rapid deployment divisions, rapid deployment brigades and an armored division) furnished with advanced mobility and ISR capabilities. GSDF will also maintain mobile operating units equipped with specialized functions, in order to effectively perform operations such as: various missions in cyber and electromagnetic domains; airborne operations; amphibious operations; special operations; air transportation; defense against NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) weapons; and security cooperation with foreign countries.

In view of the excellent training environment it offers, GSDF will maintain half of rapidly deployable basic operational units in Hokkaido, on the premise that these units will deploy and move via joint transport capability.

GSDF will strengthen its ability to deter and counter threats by taking measures including: persistent steady-state maneuver such as coordinated activities between ships and Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade and other mobile operating units as well as their various training and exercises; stationing of units in remote islands hitherto without SDF presence; and establishing networks with MSDF and ASDF.

- (2) To be able to counter invasion of remote islands, GSDF will maintain surface-to-ship guided missile units and hyper-velocity gliding projectile units for remote island defense.
- (3) With respect to basic operational units (divisions and brigades) other than the rapidly deployable ones referred to in (1), GSDF will review their organization and equipment with focus on tanks, howitzers and rockets. With respect to units under the direct command of regional armies, GSDF will also review their organization and equipment related to aerial firepower. GSDF will thoroughly implement rationalization and streamlining of these units and appropriately position them to meet conditions and characteristics of each region.



### 3. Organization of MSDF

(1) In order to provide for defense in the waters around Japan and security of maritime traffic through effective prosecution of persistent ISR, antisubmarine operations and mine countermeasure operations, and to be able to effectively engage in security cooperation with other countries, MSDF will maintain reinforced destroyer units including destroyers with improved multi-mission capabilities, minesweeper units and embarked patrol helicopter units. MSDF will organize surface units composed of these destroyer units and minesweeper units. In addition, MSDF will maintain patrol ship units to enable enhanced steady-state ISR in the waters around Japan.

With respect to the destroyers equipped with improved multi-mission capabilities, MSDF will introduce multi-crew shiftwork and promote collaboration with patrol ships equipped with high ISR capability, thereby enhancing persistent ISR posture.

(2) In order to effectively conduct steady-state, wide-area underwater ISR, and to effectively engage in patrols and defense in the waters around Japan, MSDF will maintain reinforced submarine units.

By introducing a test-bed submarine, MSDF will work to achieve greater efficiency in submarine operations and accelerate capability improvement, thereby enhancing persistent ISR posture.

(3) In order to effectively conduct steady-state, wide-area airborne ISR, and to effectively engage in patrols and defense in the waters around Japan, MSDF will maintain fixed-wing patrol aircraft units.

### 4. Organization of ASDF

(1) ASDF will maintain air warning and control units consisting of ground-based warning and control units and reinforced airborne warning units: ground-based warning and control units are capable of conducting persistent surveillance in airspace around Japan including vast airspace on the Pacific side; and airborne warning units are capable of conducting effective, sustained airborne warning, surveillance and control during “gray zone” and other situations with heightened tensions.

(2) In order to be able to provide for air defense in airspace around Japan including vast airspace on the Pacific side with a comprehensive posture that brings together fighter aircraft and supporting functions, ASDF will maintain fighter aircraft units reinforced by high-performance fighter aircraft. In order to enable fighter aircraft units and airborne warning units to sustainably conduct various operations in wide areas, ASDF will maintain reinforced aerial refueling and transport units.

(3) In order to be able to effectively carry out activities such as maneuver and deployment of ground forces and security cooperation with foreign countries, ASDF will maintain air transport units.

(4) In order to be able to conduct information collection in areas relatively remote from Japan and persistent airborne monitoring during situations with heightened tensions, ASDF will maintain unmanned aerial vehicle units.

## VI. Elements Supporting Defense Capability

For Japan’s defense capability to demonstrate its true value, SDF needs to constantly maintain and improve its capabilities and foster broad understanding by Japanese nationals.

### 1. Training and exercises

In order to maintain and improve its tactical skills, SDF will conduct more practical, effective and systematic training and exercises while, as necessary, work in partnership with relevant organizations, local governments and the private sector. In so doing, in order to conduct more practical training, SDF will: develop and utilize domestic training ranges such as those in Hokkaido as well as fine training environment overseas; facilitate joint/shared use of U.S. Forces facilities and areas; facilitate use of places other than SDF facilities or U.S. Forces facilities and areas; and more actively introduce training simulators and others. SDF will also actively utilize training and exercises to constantly examine and review various plans for emergencies.

### 2. Medical Care

SDF needs to enhance its medical functions to keep SDF personnel’s vitality and enhance their ability to deal with various situations and engage in a diverse range of missions at home and abroad. In order to protect the lives of SDF personnel to the maxim extent possible, MOD/SDF will strengthen its posture for medical care and onward transfer of patients, seamlessly covering the entire stretch between the frontline and final medical evacuation destinations. Taking into account conditions and characteristics of each region, SDF will focus on strengthening medical functions of SDF in Japan’s southwestern region. SDF will establish an efficient and high-quality medical care regime through endeavors including upgrading of SDF hospitals into medical hubs with enhanced functions. In order to secure medical personnel in operation units, SDF will: improve the management of the National Defense Medical College; enrich and enhance education and research such as improving medical care capabilities for war injury. In addition, SDF will improve requisite posture for various international cooperation including capacity building assistance.

### 3. Collaboration with local communities

Amid increasingly testing and uncertain security environment, activities, training and exercises of SDF and U.S. forces in Japan are becoming more diverse and defense equipment more sophisticated. As a result, it is becoming all the more important to gain understanding among and secure cooperation from local governments and residents around defense facilities.

MOD/SDF will constantly and actively engage in public relations activities regarding defense policies and activities. Upon fielding units and equipment of SDF or U.S. Forces in Japan and conducting training and exercises, MOD/SDF will make careful, detailed coordination to meet desires and conditions of local communities, while sufficiently fulfilling accountability. At the same time, MOD/SDF will continue to promote various impact alleviation measures include noise mitigation.

MOD/SDF will further strengthen collaboration with relevant organizations including local governments, police and fire departments in order to enable SDF to swiftly and securely conduct its activities in response to various situations.

In certain regions, presence of SDF units makes substantial contributions to maintenance and revitalization of local communities. There are also cases where SDF’s emergency patient transport is supporting community medicine. In light of this, MOD/SDF will give due considerations to local conditions and characteristics upon reorganization of operation units as well as placement of SDF garrisons and bases. At the same time, in administering garrisons and bases, MOD/SDF will give due considerations to their contributions to local economies.

#### 4. Intellectual Base

In order to facilitate understanding of security and crisis management among the populace, MOD/SDF will work to promote security-related education at educational institutions. Within MOD/SDF, in order to achieve at high levels both academic research and policy-support by the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), MOD/SDF will facilitate NIDS' collaboration with the policy-making sector. MOD/SDF will further enhance its defense research regime with NIDS playing central roles. In so doing, MOD/SDF will promote systematic collaboration on education and research with other research and educational institutions within the Government, as well as with universities and think-tanks of excellence both at home and abroad.

2. When major changes in situation are anticipated during evaluation and verification processes, these Guidelines will be amended as necessary after examining current security environment and others.
3. Considering increasingly severe fiscal conditions and importance of other budgets related to people's daily life, MOD/SDF will work to achieve greater efficiency and streamlining in defense force development to curb costs. MOD/SDF will work to ensure that defense capability can smoothly and fully perform its functions while harmonizing with other policies and measures of the Government.

#### VII. Points of Attention

1. Japan's defense capability these Guidelines set forth envisions approximately 10 years. The National Security Council will conduct periodic, systematic evaluations throughout the course of implementation of various measures and programs. In order to build truly effective defense capability while firmly grasping changes in security environment, MOD/SDF will conduct verifications regarding capabilities required for Japan's defense in the future.

**Annex Table**

Joint Units	Cyber Defense Units		1 squadron
	Maritime Transport Units		1 group
Ground Self-Defense Force	Authorized Number of Personnel		159,000
	Active-Duty Personnel		151,000
	Reserve-Ready Personnel		8,000
	Major Units	Rapid Deployment Units	3 rapid deployment divisions 4 rapid deployment brigades 1 armored division 1 airborne brigade 1 amphibious rapid deployment brigade 1 helicopter brigade
		Regional Deployment Units	5 divisions 2 brigades
		Surface-to-Ship Guided Missile Units	5 surface-to-ship guided missile regiments
		Hyper Velocity Gliding Projectile Intended for the Defense of Remote Islands Units	2 battalions
		Surface-to-Air Guided Missile Units	7 anti-aircraft artillery groups/regiments
Ballistic Missile Defense Units		2 squadrons	
Maritime Self-Defense Force	Major Units	Surface Vessel Units Destroyers Destroyer and minesweeper vessels Submarine Units Patrol aircraft Units	4 groups (8 divisions) 2 groups (13 divisions) 6 divisions 9 squadrons
	Major Equipment	Destroyers (Aegis-Equipped Destroyers) Submarines Patrol Vessels Combat Aircraft	54 (8) 22 12 Approx. 190
Air Self-Defense Force	Major Units	Air Warning & Control Units Fighter Aircraft Units Aerial Refueling/Transport Units Air Transport Units Surface-to-Air Guided Missile Units Space Domain Mission Units Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Units	28 warning squadrons 1 AEW wing (3 squadrons) 13 squadrons 2 squadrons 3 squadrons 4 groups(24 fire squadrons) 1 squadron 1 squadron
	Major Equipment	Combat Aircraft Fighters	Approx. 370 Approx. 290

Notes 1. The current numbers of tanks and howitzers/rockets (authorized number as of the end of FY 2018) are respectively approx. 600 and approx. 500, which will be reduced respectively to approx. 300 and approx. 300 in the future.

2. Fighter Aircraft Units (13 squadrons) includes STOVL Units.

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## I. Program Guidelines

In the defense program for FY 2019 - FY 2023, with accordance to “National Defense Program Guidelines for FY 2019 and beyond” (approved by the National Security Council and Cabinet on December 18, 2018), Japan will significantly strengthen defense capability to build a truly effective defense capability, “Multi- Domain Defense Force,” which: organically fuses capabilities in all domains including space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum; and is capable of sustained conduct of flexible and strategic activities during all phases from peacetime to armed contingencies. The development of “Multi-Domain Defense Force” will be done while honing the attributes of “Dynamic Joint Defense Force” under the “National Defense Program Guidelines for FY 2014 and beyond” (approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet on December 17, 2013).

In order to adapt to increasingly rapid changes in security environment, Japan will strengthen its defense capability at speeds that are fundamentally different from the past. In view of aging population with declining birth rate and severe fiscal situation, Japan will strengthen its defense capability effectively by allocating resources flexibly and intensively without adhering to existing budget and human resource allocation. Furthermore, SDF will further promote joint-ness of the Ground, Maritime and Air Self- Defense Forces in all areas, avoid stove-piped approach and optimize their organizations and equipment.

Given the guiding thoughts above, SDF will effectively and efficiently build, maintain and operate defense capability based on the following program guidelines:

1. In order to realize cross-domain operations, SDF will acquire and strengthen capabilities in new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum by focusing resources and leveraging Japan’s superb science and technology, and strengthen and protect command, control, communications and information (C4I) capabilities that effectively connect capabilities in all domains including the new ones. In addition, SDF will enhance capabilities in maritime and air domains, stand-off defense capability, comprehensive air and missile defense capability and maneuver and deployment capability to effectively counter attacks by aircraft, ships and missiles during cross-domain operations in close combination with capabilities in space, cyber and electromagnetic domains. Furthermore, to be able to sustain a range of requisite activities at all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies, sustainability and resiliency of defense capability including logistics support will be enhanced.
2. In procuring equipment, by properly combining the introduction of new, high- performance equipment, with life extension and improvement of existing equipment, MOD/SDF will efficiently secure defense capability in necessary and sufficient “quality” and “quantity”. In this regard, MOD/SDF will strengthen its project management throughout its equipment life-cycle, including during its research and development activities, and reduce the life-cycle costs to improve cost-effectiveness. Moreover, MOD/SDF will make focused investments through selection and concentration in cutting-edge technologies. MOD/SDF will also dramatically

shorten research and development (R&D) timelines by streamlining its processes and procedures.

3. In the face of rapidly shrinking and aging population with declining birth rates, to ensure SDF’s strength, to strive to secure human resources for SDF personnel and to improve their ability and morale, who are the core element of defense capability, MOD/SDF will comprehensively promote various measures to reinforce human resource base such as securing diverse and high-quality talents including diversifying applicant pool, promoting women’s participation and leveraging reserve personnel, improving living and work environment, promoting work style reforms, and improving treatment.
4. In order to maintain and strengthen the commitment of the United States (U.S.) to Japan and the Indo-Pacific region and to secure Japan’s security, and based on the premise that Japan will strengthen its own capabilities, Japan will further promote a variety of cooperative activities and consultations with the U.S., in a wide range of areas under “Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation”. Japan will also actively facilitate measures for the smooth and effective stationing of U.S. forces in Japan.

In line with the vision of free and open Indo-Pacific, to strategically promote multifaceted and multilayered security cooperation, Japan will actively leverage its defense capability to promote defense cooperation and exchanges which include bilateral/multilateral training and exercises, defense equipment and technology cooperation, capacity building assistance, and interchanges among military branches.

5. With respect to hedging against invasion scenarios such as amphibious landing employing large-scale ground forces, which were assumed primarily during the Cold War period, SDF will retain forces only enough to maintain and carry on the minimum necessary expertise and skills with which to adapt to changes in situation in the future, by achieving efficiency and rationalization.
6. Considering increasingly severe fiscal conditions and importance of other budgets related to people’s daily life, MOD/SDF will work to achieve greater efficiency and streamlining in defense force development while harmonizing with other policies and measures of the Government.

## II. Reorganization of the Major SDF Units

1. In order to build a structure that is capable of realizing cross-domain operations including new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum, SDF will strengthen the Joint Staff’s posture designed for effective SDF operations and for new domains, thereby enabling swift exercise of SDF’s capabilities. For the future framework for joint operations, SDF will take necessary measures after considering how to conduct the operation of organizations in which the functions in the new domains are operated unitarily, and come to conclusions after considering how the integrated structure should be during steady-state to appropriately execute instructions from the Minister based on the posture of the strengthened Joint Staff. SDF will also work to flexibly leverage personnel of each SDF service through such efforts as building posture for force protection and damage recovery with an eye on mutual cooperation among SDF services.

SDF will establish 1 squadron of ASDF space domain



mission unit in order to conduct persistent monitoring of situations in space, and to ensure superiority in use of space at all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies.

SDF will establish 1 squadron of cyber defense unit as joint unit in order to fundamentally strengthen cyber defense capabilities, including capability to disrupt, in the event of attack against Japan, opponent's use of cyberspace for the attack as well as to conduct persistent monitoring of SDF's information and communications networks.

SDF will strengthen the Joint Staff's posture in order to appropriately manage and coordinate, from joint operation perspective, the use of electromagnetic spectrum, and advance efforts to enhance defense capability related to the use of electromagnetic spectrum in each SDF service.

In order to provide persistent nation-wide protection on a steady-state basis and to be able to simultaneously deal with multiple, complex airborne threats, GSDF will establish 2 squadrons of ballistic missile defense (BMD) units. In addition, in order to operate units more efficiently including command and control in accordance with the enhancement of SDF's ballistic missile response capabilities, ASDF will reorganize surface-to-air guided missile units from 6 fire groups to 4 groups while maintaining 24 fire squadrons.

At all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies, SDF will establish 1 group of maritime transportation unit as Joint Unit that allows SDF units to swiftly maneuver and deploy in joint operations.

2. In order to strengthen operation capabilities in new domains, GSDF will establish cyberspace units and electromagnetic operation units as subordinate units of the Ground Component Command.

In order to respond swiftly, and to deter and counter effectively and swiftly with various situations, GSDF will transform 1 division and 2 brigades respectively into 1 rapid deployment division and 2 rapid deployment brigades that are furnished with advanced mobility and ISR capabilities. In addition to rapid deployment divisions and brigades, an amphibious rapid deployment brigade, which will be strengthened by the establishment of 1 amphibious rapid deployment regiment, will strengthen its ability to deter and counter threats through conducting persistent steady-state maneuver such as coordinated activities with ships as well as various training and exercises. In addition, through continuing to establish area security units in charge of initial response activities, MOD will newly establish surface-to-air guided missile units and surface-to-ship guided missile units, GSDF will strengthen its defense posture of the remote islands in the southwest region. Furthermore, to counter invasion of remote islands, GSDF will take necessary measures to establish hyper-velocity gliding projectile (HVGP) units for the defense of remote islands.

From the perspective of enabling swift and flexible operations, while thoroughly facilitating efficiency and rationalizing preparations for invasion, such as the landing of large-scale ground forces, GSDF will steadily implement programs towards successive formation of units equipped with mobile combat vehicles and disuse of tanks deployed in basic operational units stationed in locations other than Hokkaido and Kyushu. In addition, GSDF will steadily carry out programs that concentrate howitzers deployed in basic operational units stationed in locations other than Hokkaido into newly organized field artillery units under the direct command of the respective regional armies. Furthermore, GSDF will reduce its combat helicopter units under the direct

command of the respective regional armies and consider the review of their deployment to operate them effectively and efficiently.

3. In order to provide for defense in the waters around Japan and security of maritime traffic through effective prosecution of persistent ISR, anti-submarine operations and mine countermeasure operations, to be able to effectively engage in security cooperation with other countries, MSDF will maintain 4 groups mainly consisting of 1 helicopter destroyer (DDH) and 2 Aegis-equipped destroyers (DDG), and maintain 2 groups consisting of new type of destroyers (FFM) with improved multi-mission capabilities and minesweeping vessels. MSDF will newly establish surface units composed of these destroyer units and minesweeper units. In addition, MSDF will establish patrol vessel units to enable enhanced steady-state ISR in the waters around Japan. Furthermore, by introducing a test submarine, which the type will be changed from an existing submarine, MSDF will work to achieve greater efficiency in submarine operations and accelerate capability improvement, thereby enhancing persistent ISR posture. In order to effectively conduct underwater ISR and patrols and defense in the waters around Japan, MSDF will continue to take measures necessary to increase the number of submarines.
4. In order to enhance the air defense posture and operate effectively in airspace around Japan including vast airspace on the Pacific side, ASDF will reorganize 8 warning groups and 20 warning squadrons to 28 warning squadrons and establish 1 airborne early warning (AEW) wing as part of air warning and control units, and take necessary measures to establish 1 squadron of fighter aircraft units.

ASDF will disband 1 squadron of tactical reconnaissance unit with the retirement of its reconnaissance aircraft (RF-4), and will establish 1 squadron of aerial refueling/transport units to enhance its aerial refueling/transport function.

In order to be able to conduct information collection in areas relatively remote from Japan and persistent airborne monitoring during situations with heightened tensions, ASDF will establish 1 squadron of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) unit.

5. The total number of authorized GSDF personnel at the end of FY 2023 will be approximately 159,000, with approximately 151,000 being active-duty personnel, and approximately 8,000 being reserve-ready personnel. The authorized number of active-duty personnel of the MSDF and ASDF through FY 2023 will be approximately at the same levels as at the end of FY 2018.

During the period of the program, SDF will promote initiatives to optimize organizations and missions such as reviewing the existing organizations and missions whose importance has declined and assigning personnel mainly to new domains, which are space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum.

### III. Major Programs regarding SDF's Capabilities

1. Priorities in Strengthening Capabilities Necessary for Cross-Domain Operations
  - (1) Acquiring and Strengthening Capabilities in Space, Cyber and Electromagnetic Domains
    - (A) Capabilities in Space Domain

In order to secure the stable use of space, SDF will build a structure to conduct persistent space monitoring under an appropriate role-sharing with

related ministries and agencies by such means as newly establishing space domain mission unit and establishing a space situational awareness (SSA) system and will also newly introduce space-based optical telescopes and SSA laser ranging devices.

In order to further improve various capabilities that leverage space domain including information-gathering, communication and positioning capabilities, SDF will continue to enhance information gathering capabilities through the use of various space satellites equipped with diverse sensors, and strengthen C4I capabilities by continuing to develop a sophisticated X-Band satellite communications system. SDF will also strive to secure redundancy by such means as receiving multiple positioning satellite signals including those of Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) and utilizing information gathering satellites (IGS) and commercial satellites including micro ones. Additionally, in order to use these capabilities continuously, SDF will conduct necessary study and research, and newly introduce training devices to study and train responses to the vulnerabilities of Japanese satellites, and devices to grasp the state of electromagnetic interference against Japanese satellites. By this strengthening of the structure for grasping the situation, SDF will build the capability to disrupt C4I of opponents in collaboration with the electromagnetic domain.

In this regard, in addition to efforts to establish new job categories and enhance education dedicated to the space domain, SDF will actively leverage civilian technologies and promote to enhance cooperation including the development of human resources, with relevant agencies including the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and with the U.S. and other relevant countries, given that cutting-edge technology and knowhow have been accumulated in these organizations.

#### (B) Capabilities in Cyber Domain

SDF aims to persistently ensure sufficient security against cyber attack and acquire capability to disrupt, opponent's use of cyberspace in the event of attack against Japan. With consideration to enhancing joint functions and efficient resource allocations, SDF will establish the necessary environment by such measures as expanding the structure of cyber defense squadron and other units, enhancing the resiliency of the C4 systems of SDF, strengthening capabilities of information gathering, research and analysis, and developing a practical training environment that can test SDF's cyber defense capability. In addition, SDF will strive to keep abreast of the latest information including cyber-related risks, counter measures and technological trends, through cooperation with the private sector, and strategic talks, bilateral/multilateral exercises and other opportunities with the ally and other parties.

As the methods of cyber attack are becoming increasingly sophisticated and complicated, securing personnel with expertise on a continuing basis is essential. SDF plans to develop personnel with strong cyber security expertise, through efforts such as improving the in-house curriculum for specialized education, increasing learning opportunities at

institutions of higher education at home and abroad, and conducting personnel management that cultivates expertise. In addition, SDF will strengthen the cyber defense capability by utilizing superior outside expertise.

In order to enable a comprehensive response through a whole-of-government approach in cyber domain, MOD/SDF seeks to enhance close coordination with relevant ministries and agencies, etc. by providing knowledge and MOD/SDF personnel on a steady-state basis, and enhance training and exercises.

#### (C) Capabilities in the Electromagnetic Domain

MOD/SDF will newly establish specialized sections in the internal bureau and the Joint Staff respectively in order to enhance the function to make policies pertaining to effective and efficient use of electromagnetic spectrum in MOD/SDF as well as to improve coordination with other ministries and agencies.

In order to enhance information gathering and analysis capabilities concerning electromagnetic spectrum and develop an information sharing posture, SDF will promote the procurement of radio wave information gathering aircraft and ground-based SIGINT sensor, the upgrade of the Japan Aerospace Defense Ground Environment (JADGE) system, the connection of each SDF service's systems including the Defense Information Infrastructure (DII) and the improvement of each SDF service's data links.

In order to neutralize the radar and communications of opponent attempting to invade Japan, SDF will proceed with the procurement of fighters (F-35A) and network electronic warfare devices, and the upgrade of fighters (F-15) and utility aircraft (EP-3 and UP-3D). SDF will also swiftly proceed with studies and R&D aimed at the procurement of standoff electronic warfare aircraft, high-output electronic warfare equipment, high-output microwave equipment and electromagnetic pulse (EMP) ammunition.

#### (2) Enhancing Capabilities in Traditional Domains

##### (A) Capabilities in the Maritime and Air Domains

###### (i) Strengthening a Posture of Persistent ISR

In order to strengthen the posture to conduct persistent ISR in broad areas at sea and in the air around Japan including vast airspace on the Pacific side, and to detect any signs of significant development at an early stage, SDF will procure new type of destroyers with enhanced capabilities to respond to a wide range of missions (FFM), submarines, patrol vessels, fixed-wing patrol aircraft (P-1), patrol helicopters (SH-60K/K (upgraded version)) and ship-borne UAVs, conduct service-extension work on existing destroyers, submarines, fixed-wing patrol aircraft (P-3C) and patrol helicopters (SH-60J and SH-60K) and upgrade the capabilities of fixed-wing patrol aircraft (P-1). In this respect, SDF will strengthen the posture of persistent ISR through increasing the number of the operating days by introducing rational shifts of multiple crews and coordination with patrol vessels to be newly introduced for the new type of destroyers (FFM), and through increasing the opportunities

for operation of the submarine fleet on a steady-state basis by introducing the test submarine, which the type has been changed from existing submarines. In addition, SDF will maintain a fully-prepared ISR posture through procuring airborne early warning aircraft (E-2D) and a long-endurance UAV (Global Hawk), upgrading the capabilities of the existing airborne warning and control systems (E-767), development of a new fixed air defense radar, establishing 1 AEW wing as part of air warning and control units as stated in II4, preparing an operating base for mobile air defense radars on the islands on the Pacific side and strengthening over-the-horizon radar capabilities.

(ii) Obtaining and Maintaining Air Superiority

SDF will strive for the comprehensive enhancement of air defense capability in airspace around Japan including vast air space on the Pacific side.

SDF will proceed replacing fighters that are not suitable for modernization (F-15) by increasing the number of fighters (F-35A) and will newly introduce fighters that are capable of short take-off and vertical landing (hereinafter referred to as “STOVL aircraft”) to enhance the flexibility of fighter operations, as the number of air bases that allow for conventional take-off and landing of fighters is limited. In this regard, SDF will refurbish MSDF’s multi-function helicopter carrier destroyers (Izumo class) after studying operation of STOVL aircraft so that the operation where necessary will be possible such as response to air attacks in time of emergency, ISR, training and disaster response, in order to further improve flexibility in fighter operations while ensuring safety of SDF personnel and to improve air operation capability particularly on the Pacific side of Japan, where number of air bases is limited despite its vast airspace. These destroyers shall continue to engage as multi-function destroyers in a wide range of missions after refurbishment, such as the defense of Japan and the response to large-scale disasters. There will be no change in the existing Government opinion concerning equipment that cannot be possessed under the Constitution. In addition, SDF will upgrade the capabilities of modernized fighter aircraft (F-15) including the enhancement of electronic warfare capabilities, mounting stand-off missiles and increasing the number of mounted missiles. Furthermore, SDF will upgrade the capabilities of fighter aircraft (F-2) including the enhancement of network functions.

With regard to future fighter, SDF will procure new fighters that are capable of playing a central role in future networked warfare before the retirement of the fighter aircraft (F-2). MOD/SDF will promote necessary research and launch a Japan-led development project at an early timing with the possibility of international collaboration in sight.

Along with continuing to procure middle-range surface-to-air guided missiles, SDF will

continue to improve its surface-to-air guided missile PATRIOT systems by equipping them with new advanced interceptor missiles (PAC-3 MSE) that can be used both for response to cruise missiles and aircraft and for ballistic missile defense (BMD). In addition, SDF will continue to procure aerial refueling/transport aircraft (KC-46A) and rescue helicopters (UH-60J).

(iii) Obtaining and Maintaining Maritime Superiority

In defense of the seas surrounding Japan and to ensure the security of maritime traffic by effectively conducting various activities including holding persistent ISR, anti-submarine operations and mine countermeasure operations, SDF will procure equipment such as a new type of destroyers (FFM), conduct service-extension activities on equipment such as existing destroyers, and enhance the capabilities of equipment such as fixed wing patrol aircraft (P-1) as stated in (i), and will procure minesweeping/transport helicopters (MCH-101). In addition, SDF will continue to procure Mine Sweeper Ocean (MSO) vessels and amphibious rescue aircraft (US-2), and will establish the structure for enhancing tactical development and education and training capabilities. Furthermore, SDF will continue to procure surface-to-ship guided missiles and will introduce new surface-to-ship guided missiles and air-to-ship guided missiles with further extended ranges. In addition, SDF will take necessary measures after considering the introduction of long-endurance UAVs to strengthen surveillance capabilities in the water including on the vast Pacific side. Moreover, SDF will strive to steadily enhance C4I capabilities and will deploy unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV) and proceed with R&D aiming at further enhancement of capabilities to utilize them for oceanic observation and ISR.

(B) Stand-off Defense Capability

In order to deal with ships and landing forces attempting to invade Japan while ensuring safety of SDF personnel, SDF will procure stand-off missiles (JSM, JASSM and LRASM), which are capable of responding from the outside of their threat envelopes, and will proceed with R&D on HVGP intended for the defense of remote islands, new surface-to-ship missiles intended for the defense of remote islands and hypersonic weapons. In addition, in order to appropriately leverage advances in military technology, MOD/SDF will swiftly and flexibly strengthen stand-off defense capability through measures such as comprehensive R&D of related technology.

(C) Comprehensive Air and Missile Defense Capability

In order to effectively and efficiently counter increasingly diverse and complex airborne threats such as ballistic and cruise missiles and aircraft by optimum means and minimize damage, SDF will establish a structure with which to conduct integrated operation of various equipment pieces, those for missile defense as well as air defense equipment that each SDF service has separately used, thereby providing persistent nation-wide protection on a



steady-state basis and to be able to simultaneously deal with multiple, complex airborne threats. In this regard, SDF will strive to standardize and streamline the means for interception that each SDF service possesses including their maintenance and replenishment systems.

For reinforcing its multi-layered and persistent defense posture for the entire territory of Japan against ballistic missile attacks, SDF will procure its land-based Aegis system (Aegis Ashore), continue to upgrade the capabilities of its existing Aegis-equipped destroyers (DDG) and surface-to-air guided missile PATRIOT system as stated in (A) (ii). SDF will also conduct bilateral training and exercises to enhance the effectiveness of the Japan-U.S. bilateral BMD response posture.

In order to effectively counter missile attacks, SDF will procure its interceptor missiles for BMD (SM-3 block IB and block IIA), interceptor missiles with upgraded capabilities (PAC-3MSE), long-range ship-to-air missiles (SM-6) and mid-range ground-to-air guided missiles.

In order to reinforce the detecting and tracking capabilities for missiles and to unitarily command and control the various equipment that each SDF service possesses, SDF will proceed with initiatives such as upgrading its Japan Aerospace Defense Ground Environment (JADGE) and procuring its air defense command and control system (ADCCS), developing its new fixed air defense radar, adding cooperative engagement capability (CEC) to its E-2D, R&D on a network system that enables engage-on-remote launch of weapons by destroyers (DD) (FC network), and research on satellite-mounted dual-wave-length infrared sensors and will also study ways to counter future airborne threats.

Based on basic role and mission sharing between Japan and the U.S., in order to strengthen the deterrent of the Japan-U.S. Alliance as a whole, Japan will continue to study a potential form of response capability to address the means for missile launch and related facilities and will take necessary measures.

In preparation for an attack by guerrilla or special operations forces concurrent with a missile attack, SDF will continue to procure a variety of surveillance/response equipment, mobile combat vehicles, transport helicopters (CH-47JA) and UAVs in order to improve its ISR posture, and its ability to protect key facilities including nuclear power plants, and search and destroy infiltrating units, and also enhance the ability to respond effectively and efficiently by proceeding with the networking of its troops and strengthening information sharing. In sensitive locations such as areas where many nuclear power plants are located, SDF will conduct training with relevant agencies to confirm coordination procedures, and take necessary measures after considering the basis for deployment in areas neighboring nuclear power plants.

#### (D) Maneuver and Deployment Capability

In order to secure capabilities for swift and large-scale transportation and deployment operations for a wide variety of situations and improve effective deterrence

and counter capabilities, SDF will take necessary measures after considering how to command and coordinate the transport capabilities of each SDF service unilaterally from a steady-state including the reinforcement of the transport coordination function of the Joint Staff.

SDF will continue to procure transport aircraft (C-2) and transport helicopters (CH-47JA) and introduce new utility helicopters, and will also promote relevant initiatives in order to obtain the cooperation of related local governments and other entities in promptly deploying GSDF Ospreys (V-22). In developing such aerial transport capability, SDF will take necessary measures after considering the further enhancement of efficiency and effectiveness such as avoiding functional redundancy by clarifying the roles and assignments among the various means of transportation.

In order to strengthen the transport function to remote islands, SDF will newly introduce logistics support vessels (LSV) and landing craft utilities (LCU), and consider new vessels necessary to smoothly implement amphibious and other operations in the future. SDF will also continue to actively utilize ships for which the funds and know-how of the private-sector have been utilized and consider further expansion in order to conduct large-scale transportation efficiently for coordination with the transport capabilities of SDF in light of the current situation in which they are being used effectively in dispatches to disasters and transporting its troops.

SDF will equip mobile combat vehicles transportable by airlift to its rapidly deployable basic operational units (rapid deployment divisions/brigades) as stated in II-2, and will establish rapid deployment regiments that immediately respond to various situations. In addition to rapid deployment divisions and brigades, an amphibious rapid deployment brigade, which will be strengthened by the establishment of 1 amphibious rapid deployment regiment, will conduct persistent steady-state maneuver such as coordinated activities with ships as well as various training and exercises. SDF will also establish area security units in charge of initial responses on remote islands in the southwestern region, as well as conduct maneuver training for prompt deployment to remote islands.

#### (3) Strengthening Sustainability and Resiliency

##### (A) Securing Continuous Operations

In order to be able to operate units continuously at all stages from peacetime to armed contingencies, SDF will promote measures necessary for securing ammunition and fuel and protecting infrastructure and other foundations for SDF operations.

With regard to securing ammunition, SDF will prioritize to procure anti-aircraft missiles that are necessary to secure air superiority, torpedoes that are necessary to secure maritime superiority, stand-off firepower that is necessary for countering from the outside of their threat envelopes and interceptor missiles for BMD while taking account of the needs of joint operation.

With regard to securing fuel, SDF will secure the effective emergency procurement and promote

necessary measures such as newly introduction of tankers from the perspective of stabilizing fuel supply during emergencies.

In order to minimize damage from various attacks and quickly recover functions, SDF will proceed with initiatives for the dispersion, recovery, and substitution of infrastructure and other foundations for SDF operations while taking the perspective of protection from electromagnetic pulse attacks into consideration, and will construct a posture regarding patrol and damage recovery based on the perspective of mutual cooperation among each SDF service. In addition, SDF will also proceed with various measures to make it possible for SDF to immediately utilize private airports and ports in contingency situations.

With regard to strengthening logistics foundations, for the purpose of establishing readiness capabilities, SDF will store necessary ammunition and spare parts in locations most appropriate for operations and proceed with the establishment of the necessary facilities. SDF will also expand some arsenals and make it possible to have them used jointly by each SDF service and will study and take the measures necessary to optimize combat service support including logistics from the perspective of joint operations.

SDF will steadily construct and maintain necessary living quarters surrounding SDF camps and bases and will also proceed with measures for facilities regarding their deterioration and earthquake resistance. From the perspective of enabling a sustained response posture over the long term, various measures supporting families of military personnel will be promoted.

(B) Ensuring the Operational Availability of Equipment

In order to swiftly and effectively respond to various situations, MOD/SDF will ensure high operational availability of procured equipment by securing the necessary and sufficient funds for sustainment and maintenance of equipment, expanding the use of umbrella contract system, Performance Based Logistics (PBL), under which the price is to be determined according to realized performance regarding sustainment and maintenance, sharing information on supply data between the public and private sectors, promoting the utilization of Additive Manufacturing (3D printers), which can form complex shapes with speed and precision and promoting the procurement of parts and components from international markets.

2. Priorities in Strengthening Core Elements of Defense Capability

(1) Reinforcing Human Resource Base

As equipment becomes more advanced and complex and missions become more varied and internationalized against the context of the rapidly shrinking and aging population with declining birth rate, MOD/SDF will strive to secure diverse, high-quality talents from a wider range of people and also promote initiatives on a priority base towards the establishment of an environment that enables all SDF personnel to maintain high morale and continue to fully exercise ability.

(A) Enhancement of Recruitment Initiatives

In order to steadily secure high-quality human

resources into the future within the severe recruiting environment accompanying the rapidly aging population and declining birth rates, MOD/SDF will proceed with measures towards expanding the recruitment of untenured troops and expanding the source for prospects including university graduates. MOD/SDF will also proceed with a wide range of solicitation measures including the enhancement of recruiting advertisement and recruiting systems and will also strengthen collaboration with local governments and related organizations, etc. Furthermore, in order to increase attractiveness at the point of recruiting, MOD/SDF will improve living and working environment and strive to improve re-employment support for being rehired as public servants and matriculating at universities after completing tenure.

(B) Effective Utilization of Human Resources

In order to further increase the proportion of female SDF personnel among total SDF personnel, MOD/SDF will actively hire women, promote women's participation and proceed with the establishment of the foundations for the education, living and work environment for female SDF personnel.

In order to further utilize advanced-age human resources who have plenty of knowledge, skills and experience while keeping strength, MOD/SDF will raise the early retirement age for SDF personnel and promote the expansion of reenrollment and the utilization by units of the skills of retired SDF personnel in SDF fields requiring high levels of expertise. MOD/SDF will also secure personnel for units that are responsible for fields that require high levels of expertise by effectively utilizing human resources in the private sector.

(C) Improving Living and Work Environment

As the duration of the activities of the units becomes longer in response to the severe security environment, MOD/SDF will strive to improve the living and work environment, so that all the troop members who undertake the noble mission of protecting life and peaceful livelihood of Japanese national will be able to fully exercise their capabilities and fulfill their missions with high morale, by such means as steadily renewing aged daily life/workplace fixtures, steadily securing the necessary quantities of daily necessities and reducing the number of days on offshore duty per onboard person through the introduction of shifts by multiple crews, in addition to accelerating the securing and reconstruction of the necessary barracks and housing and proceeding with measures against aging and earthquake resistance for facilities.

(D) Promotion of Work Style Reforms

As the number of SDF personnel under time and mobility constraints because of child rearing and nursing care increases due to the consequence of major changes in the social structure, MOD/SDF will promote work style reform at MOD/SDF such as correcting long working hours and promoting the use of holidays in order to ensure proper work-life balance so that all SDF personnel will be able to fully exercise their ability and play prominent roles. Furthermore, MOD/SDF will proceed with initiatives such as establishing workplace nurseries,

and will also promote measures supporting families of military personnel such as providing temporary care for children of SDF personnel who must show up at the workplace for emergency operation, while strengthening our collaboration with local governments and other entities.

(E) Enhancing Education

At each SDF service and the National Defense Academy of Japan (NDAJ), MOD/SDF will strive to enhance the content and organizational structure of the education and training, including the academic knowledge and international sensibilities necessary to nurture broad perspectives concerning security. In addition, MOD/SDF will take necessary measures after considering whether adequate education and research regarding joint operations is possible with the existing organizations, in order to enhance the capabilities and the unity of the SDF and promote cross-sectoral operations, and strive to strengthen education concerning the organizational management capabilities of MOD/SDF. In order to further promote mutual reinforcement between each SDF service, MOD/SDF will strive to standardize the curriculum and will utilize cutting-edge technology in order to promote effective and efficient education. Furthermore, MOD/SDF will strive to build up the network of students from overseas who graduated from NDAJ as a mean of support for strengthening defense cooperation and exchanges. In order to steadily implement education and training, MOD/SDF will take necessary measures after considering the procurement of new primary trainer aircraft as the successor to the existing primary trainer aircraft (T-7).

(F) Improving Treatment and Re-Employment Support

To enable SDF personnel to fulfill their missions with high moral and pride, MOD/SDF will promote improving treatment through measures concerning honors and privileges including the enhancement of the defensive meritorious badges and improving conditions including salaries that reflects the special nature of the missions and working environment and will strive to enhance welfare benefits including family support.

In view of the fact that it is the responsibility of the Government to secure the livelihood of SDF personnel under the mandatory early retirement system, MOD/SDF will strive to further improve re-employment support by such means as promoting the further utilization of retired SDF personnel in the disaster prevention-related departments of local governments and related ministries and agencies while strengthening collaboration with local governments and related organizations from the perspective of utilizing the knowledge, skills and experience of retired SDF personnel in addition to expanding vocational training subjects and support for step-by-step acquisition of qualifications.

(G) Utilization of Personnel including Reserve Staff

In order to support sustainable unit operations in situations that are becoming increasingly diversified and protracted, MOD/SDF will promote the use of ready reserve personnel and reserve personnel in broader areas and opportunities. In order to enhance

the fulfillment of the ranks of SDF reserves, MOD/SDF will also increase the number of enrollees as reserve candidates who are drawn from people without experience as SDF personnel, and promote the appointment of SDF reserves who are former reserve candidates as reserve ready personnel. Furthermore, in order to make it easier for SDF reserves to respond to training summons, MOD/SDF will undertake the strengthening of the foundations for education and training and the revision of the content of the training, and will implement measures to obtain the understanding and cooperation of the employers.

(2) Reviewing Equipment Structure

MOD/SDF will examine the existing equipment structure and strengthen the functions of the Joint Staff in order to build an effective and rational equipment structure from a joint operation perspective. MOD/SDF will also develop equipment with multiple functional variants, optimize and standardize specifications of equipment, jointly procure equipment commonly used across SDF services, reduce types of aircraft, suspend the use of equipment whose importance has decreased, and review or discontinue projects of low cost-effectiveness.

In order to maximize defense capability by effectively utilizing the limited human resources to the utmost, MOD/SDF will actively promote initiatives towards automation through such means as the introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) to data processing and decision makings regarding unit operation, the procurement of UAVs and R&D of unmanned surface vehicles (USV) and UUVs. MOD/SDF will also actively promote initiatives to save manpower through such means as streamlining in design of new types of destroyers (FFM) and submarines and use of remote control for radar sites and other equipment.

(3) Reinforcing Technology Base

In order to ensure technological superiority in strategically important areas of equipment and technology by making focused investments in important technologies including artificial intelligence and other potentially game-changing technologies, MOD/SDF will revise Medium- to Long-Term Defense Technology Outlook and newly formulate R&D visions on technologies that will be important for future joint operation, presenting the future direction of medium to long-term research and development from a strategic perspective.

In order to significantly shorten R&D timelines by streamlining its process, MOD/SDF will adopt new methods such as block approach and modularization for R&D of HVGP for the defense of remote islands, new surface-to-ship missiles for the defense of remote islands, UUVs and hypersonic weapons. MOD/SDF will also provide the capabilities of future equipment promptly through analysis of alternatives by the technological demonstration at the initial stage of R&D.

MOD/SDF will work actively to leverage potentially dual-use, advanced commercial technologies through such efforts as: technology exchange with relevant domestic and overseas entities; enhanced collaboration with relevant ministries and agencies; and use of the “Innovative Science & Technology Initiative for Security” program. In this regard, MOD/SDF will strengthen and expand cooperation with the countries who are making



large-scale investments in game-changing technologies such as the U.S., and promote mutually complementary international joint R&D. MOD/SDF will reinforce its structure aimed at early discovery of innovative, emerging technologies and fostering thereof by utilizing and creating think tanks that survey and analyze latest foreign and domestic technological trends.

#### (4) Optimizing Equipment Procurement

In order to further promote effective and efficient equipment procurement, MOD/SDF will enhance the effectiveness and flexibility of project management throughout equipment lifecycles. To this end, MOD/SDF will take various initiatives including undertakings that contribute to cost reduction at mass production stage as a requirement at development stage, incorporating successful cases in the civilian sector to the manufacture of defense equipment, actively adopting contracting methods such as the competitive bidding method that contribute to the utilization of private sector knowledge and expertise and tightening cost controls. In this regard, MOD/SDF will expand the items subject to project management and strive to adjust the standards for the specifications and the review of project plans with consideration of life cycle costs, and apply them.

Regarding the cost estimation of equipment without market prices, MOD/SDF will undertake more appropriate costs calculation by making the calculation of the processing costs required for the manufacture more precise and appropriate, and will also conduct the procurement of information systems at appropriate price levels. To implement these initiatives effectively, MOD/SDF will actively develop and allocate human resources by utilizing human resources with specialized expertise, skills and experiences in the private sector, and will also strive to construct the cost-database on component level of equipment based on the information compiled from the cost estimates/contract records.

MOD/SDF will actively use systematic acquisition methods including long-term contracts which facilitate efficient procurement, and streamline equipment sustainment and maintenance including the expansion of PBL and other umbrella contracts. MOD/SDF will also facilitate competition among domestic and foreign companies regarding domestically procured equipment with low cost effectiveness by considering price reduction through imports and considering the deduction of unique specifications for domestic use. Furthermore, in light of the growing importance of the management of price, delivery time and other matters in procurement through Foreign Military Sales (hereinafter referred to as “FMS procurement”), MOD/SDF will collaborate closely with the U.S. Government and other organizations through Japan-U.S. consultations and promote initiatives towards the streamlining of FMS procurement, such as striving to acquire equipment in coordination with U.S. forces regarding the timing of procurement and specifications, and to manage the status of implementation in a timely and appropriate manner.

#### (5) Strengthening Defense Industrial Base

In order to strengthen the resilience of Japan’s defense industry base, which is an essential foundation for the production, operation, and maintenance of defense equipment, Government will actively take measures such as introducing the competition principle to Japan’s

defense industry, which is in a poor competitive environment, incorporating the knowledge, expertise, and technology of the civilian sector, and strengthen the supply chains of equipment. As part of these measures, MOD/SDF will review the contracting system with the aim of creating a competitive environment, including the introduction of the enterprise evaluation system that assesses how much a contractor company tries to contribute to strengthening of defense industry. MOD/SDF will also encourage the spin-off from defense technology to civilian purposes and the spin-on from cutting-edge technologies in the civilian sector to the defense industry including innovative manufacturing technologies. Furthermore, MOD/SDF will strengthen risk management regarding the vulnerability of supply chains of equipment through research on the supply chains and also promote the participation of Japan’s defense industry in the sustainment and maintenance of imported equipment.

The government as a whole will promote appropriate overseas transfer of defense equipment under the Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology, which permits transfer of defense equipment in cases such as the transfer contributes to Japan’s security. In order to do so, based on progress and other elements in defense cooperation with our partners, the Government will make necessary improvements in implementation or related rules, promote public-private partnership in information gathering and dissemination, strengthen technology control and intellectual property management in order to prevent leakage of key defense equipment-related technologies on the occasion of overseas transfer and develop defense equipment with an eye on overseas transfer. MOD/SDF will also strengthen information security measures that will be necessary for Japan’s defense industry to participate in international businesses, and develop an information security guidebook for Japan’s defense industry. Furthermore, MOD/SDF will actively promote international joint development and production with other countries utilizing Japan’s technological strengths.

In addition, MOD/SDF will undertake measures such as making the equipment manufacturing process and thorough cost reduction and will strive to make Japan’s defense industry base efficient and resilient while foreseeing possible realignment and consolidation of businesses that may occur as a result of these measures.

#### (6) Enhancing Intelligence Capabilities

In order to be able to provide timely and effective intelligence support to policy decision and SDF operations, MOD/SDF will promote initiatives to comprehensively enhance intelligence capabilities at all stages of intelligence capabilities, including gathering, analyzing, sharing and securing of information.

MOD/SDF will drastically strengthen information gathering and analysis capabilities so that MOD/SDF will be fully capable of meeting various intelligence requirements including those related to new domains. This will be conducted by strengthening gathering postures for SIGINT and IMINT through establishing and enhancing capabilities of information collection facilities, utilizing intelligence gathering satellites and commercial satellites, and diversifying means for information collection through new equipment such as

long-endurance UAVs. Furthermore, MOD/SDF will also strengthen the gathering posture of HUMINT through enhancing its defense attaché system, reinforce the gathering posture of OSINT and expand its cooperation with allied countries. In this regard, MOD/SDF will strive to achieve its even more effective and efficient posture by proactively utilizing the latest information processing technology, and will also promote all-source analysis, which fuses a wide variety of information sources together. MOD/SDF will also strive to utilize information effectively by successfully developing and connecting systems that will promote information sharing.

In order to respond appropriately to increasingly diversified intelligence requirements, MOD/SDF will promote securing and training of highly capable personnel handling information collection and analysis. Moreover, MOD/SDF will take steady measures in various directions including recruitment, education, training, and personnel allocation to strengthen comprehensive information collection and analysis capabilities.

With regard to information security, MOD/SDF will coordinate with relevant offices to make every effort by such means as education in ensuring information sharing on a need-to-know basis, and in taking preventative measures against information leakage. Also, MOD/SDF will strengthen counter-intelligence capability within MOD/SDF by promoting collaboration with relevant organizations.

### 3. Large-Scale Disasters

In the event of a large-scale natural disaster such as a Nankai Trough earthquake, or a special disaster such as a nuclear emergency, the SDF will respond to it by immediately transporting and deploying sufficient numbers of SDF units based on a joint operational approach, and also will promote measures to strengthen the response posture including the deployment of drones for disasters, a helicopter satellite communication system (HeliSat), lifesaving systems, and emergency power sources. With close coordination and cooperation with relevant ministries and agencies, local governments and the private sector, the MOD will promote such measures as to establish contingency planning and to conduct training and exercises, and secure alternative capabilities when the basis for the SDF's disaster and deployment operations is affected.

### 4. Strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance

#### (1) Strengthening Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation

In order to ensure Japan's national security and to maintain and strengthen the U.S. commitment to Japan and the Indo-Pacific region, Japan will further strengthen Japan-U.S. defense cooperation under the "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation" while strengthening Japan's own capability as a premise for these efforts.

Japan will continue to promote cooperation in space and cyber domains, comprehensive air and missile defense, bilateral training and exercises and joint ISR activities. Japan will also further deepen Japan-U.S. operational cooperation and policy coordination in various areas such as formulation and renewal of bilateral plans and the Extended Deterrence Dialogue.

In order for Japan and the U.S. to be able to fully leverage their capabilities during bilateral activities, Japan will advance efforts for standardization of defense equipment that contributes to Japan-U.S. bilateral

activities, sharing of various networks, building capacity for in-country maintenance of U.S.-made equipment and initiatives for intelligence/information security. To efficiently improve Japanese and the U.S. capabilities, while facilitating common understanding of respective priorities in defense capability enhancement, promote measures such as effective acquisition of advanced U.S. equipment through optimized FMS procurement and Japan-U.S. joint R&D. Furthermore, Japan will promote cooperation on joint/shared use of SDF and U.S. force facilities, and efforts for improved resiliency.

#### (2) Steady Implementation of Measures Concerning Stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan

In order to make the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan more smooth and effective, Japan will steadily secure Host Nation Support (HNS).

### 5. Strengthening Security Cooperation

In line with the vision of Free and Open Indo-Pacific, Japan will further promote bilateral and multilateral defense cooperation and exchanges based on the understanding that realizing a security environment that is desirable for Japan is an extremely important and necessary undertaking that contributes to Japan's defense itself and also relates to its basic fundamentals. In particular, in addition to high-level exchanges, policy dialogues and exchanges among military branches, in order to improve interoperability with relevant countries and to strengthen Japan's presence, Japan will appropriately combine and strategically implement specific initiatives such as bilateral/multilateral training and exercises, defense equipment and technology cooperation and capacity building assistance, while taking characteristics and situation specific to each region and country into account.

Based on this significance of defense cooperation and exchanges, in order to further collaborate mutually and conduct specific and thoroughgoing initiatives, Japan will proceed with the improvement of operation procedures, development of organizational systems and review of systems, and will further reflect needs concerning defense cooperation and exchanges in SDF operations. Japan will also strive to collaborate with relevant ministries and agencies as well as with other countries, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, and strategically disseminate information on Japan's initiatives. In this regard, Japan will focus on the following in particular.

#### (1) Holding bilateral/multilateral Training and Exercises

Japan will promote bilateral/multilateral training and exercises based on their significance as defense cooperation and exchanges. Through this, Japan will represent the will and ability to create a desirable security environment and will also seek to improve interoperability with relevant countries and strengthen cooperative relationships with other countries.

#### (2) Equipment and Technology Cooperation

Japan will strengthen initiatives for equipment and technology cooperation including overseas transfers of defense equipment, and strive to enhance our partners' military capabilities and maintain/strengthen medium and long-term relationships with those countries. In particular, Japan will effectively promote these initiatives by combining other efforts such as training and exercises and capacity building assistance as necessary.

#### (3) Capacity Building Assistance

Japan will work with countries of the Indo-Pacific region to support advance capacity development efforts based

on their voluntary ownership, so as to enable counterpart military organizations to contribute further towards international peace and regional stability, thus creating security environment that is desirable to Japan. In this regard, Japan will effectively utilize knowledge and expertise accumulated by SDF, coordinate thoroughly with diplomatic policy, and coordinate with partner countries such as the U.S. and Australia undertaking capacity building assistance, so as to maximize results by combing various measures efficiently.

(4) Maritime Security

Based on the understanding that open and stable seas are a foundation of the peace and prosperity of Japan as a maritime nation and in line with the vision of Free and Open Indo-Pacific, Japan will promote initiatives such as bilateral/multilateral training and exercises, equipment and technology cooperation, capacity building assistance, information sharing and visits by ships and aircraft as warranted by the occasion, with foreign countries that share the understanding of maritime security. Through these, Japan will show the will and ability to stabilize maritime order in an active and visible manner.

(5) International Peace Cooperation Activities

In line with the Legislation for Peace and Security, Japan will actively promote international peace cooperation activities, while giving comprehensive consideration to such factors as purposes of mission, situation in host country, and political and economic relations between Japan and host country. In particular, Japan will actively promote activities such as dispatch of embedded personnel to mission headquarters, dissemination of United Nations (UN) military engineer unit manuals and capacity building assistance in Japan's field of expertise by making good use of accumulated experiences. While Japan will also proceed with education and training that match missions conducted on the basis of the Legislation for Peace and Security, GSDF will take the necessary measures towards newly establishing an International Activities Unit with high-level emergency response capabilities and high-level technology in areas such as facilities and the operation of UAVs by unifying the Central Readiness Regiment and the International Peace Cooperation Activities Training Unit.

The Japan Peacekeeping Training and Research Center will expand its curriculum, and strengthen cooperation with relevant ministries and agencies, foreign countries, and non-governmental organizations through efforts such as providing educational opportunities to not only SDF personnel, but also candidates from various backgrounds.

Regarding SDF operation facility in the Republic of Djibouti, which is used for anti-piracy efforts, Japan will work towards stable, long-term use of the facility for regional security cooperation and other activities.

(6) Arms Control, Disarmament and Nonproliferation

In cooperation with relevant countries and international organizations, Japan will promote non-proliferation efforts regarding: weapons of mass destruction and missiles which can serve as their delivery means; and goods and sensitive technologies of potential military use. Leveraging SDF's knowledge and human resources, Japan will engage in various activities related to arms control and disarmament undertaken by the UN and other bodies, including the discussion on Lethal Autonomous

Weapons Systems (LAWS).

6. Elements Supporting Defense Capability

(1) Training and Exercises

To effectively respond to various contingencies and enhance its deterrence effectiveness, SDF's joint training and exercises and Japan-U.S. bilateral training and exercises are to be conducted in a tailored and visible way while fully grasping the environment of the surroundings of the training areas and making absolutely sure that safety is secured. Leveraging the lessons learned from these training and exercises, SDF will conduct regular studies and reviews of its plans to address contingencies. Along with these efforts, SDF will expand the establishment and utilization of the training areas in Hokkaido and elsewhere in Japan and conduct effective training and exercises. SDF will also facilitate to expand joint/shared use of U.S. Forces facilities and areas with SDF while accounting for relations with local communities. Furthermore, SDF will facilitate the use of places other than SDF facilities or U.S. Forces facilities and areas and the utilization of excellent training environments overseas such as the U.S. and Australia, and introduce simulators actively. SDF will also strive to further enhance amphibious operation capability by the implementation of training by GSDF and MSDF in collaboration with U.S. Marines, SDF will strive to enhance the effectiveness of the swift and continuous deployment of units and strengthen their presence on a steady-state basis by organically coordinating such training and exercises that utilize training environments in Japan and abroad.

Seeking to respond to various situations with a whole-of-government approach, coordination with relevant agencies including police, firefighters, and the Japan Coast Guard will be reinforced. SDF will also actively utilize the opportunities presented by the joint training and exercises of SDF and Japan-U.S. bilateral training and exercises as a way not only for considering and verifying plans for the actual operations of SDF, but also for actively considering and verifying comprehensive issues including civil protection.

(2) Medical Care

SDF will enhance its medical functions to keep SDF personnel's vitality and enhance their ability to deal with various situations and engage in a diverse range of missions at home and abroad.

In order to respond to various situations, SDF will strive to enhance the capacity to rapidly deploy medical bases and conduct Damage Control Surgery (DCS) to stabilize the symptoms of patients, and the capacity to manage patients being sent back as part of strengthening the system to seamlessly cover the entire stretch between the frontline and final medical evacuation destinations including the perspective of joint operations. In this regard, SDF will establish a system to jointly possess patient information from the frontline to final destinations. SDF will also strive to standardize medical supplies for the sake of interoperability and to stockpile necessary supplies. Furthermore, in order to transport patients safely, SDF will take necessary measures to introduce armored ambulances. Taking conditions and characteristics of each region into account, SDF will focus on strengthening medical functions of SDF in Japan's southwestern region.



In order to conduct the control and coordination regarding medical operations of SDF on a steady-state basis, SDF will strive to strengthen the organization of the Joint Staff. SDF will establish an efficient and high-quality medical care regime through further endeavors including upgrading of SDF hospitals into medical hubs with enhanced functions. Furthermore, SDF will proceed to improve the management of the National Defense Medical College, enhance its research functions and strive to secure high-quality talents, as well as striving to enrich the clinical experience of medical officers to better secure the number of medical officers, and promoting the appointment of SDF Reserve Personnel (physicians). In addition, MOD/SDF will proceed with the establishment of hygienic education and training foundations common to each SDF service that are necessary to improve medical care capabilities for combat injuries and the requisite posture for various international cooperation including capacity building assistance.

#### (3) Collaboration with Local Communities

MOD/SDF will constantly and actively engage in public relations activities regarding defense policies and activities. Upon fielding units and equipment of SDF or U.S. Forces in Japan and conducting training and exercises, MOD/SDF will make careful, detailed coordination to meet desires and conditions of local communities, while sufficiently fulfilling accountability. At the same time, MOD/SDF will continue to promote various impact alleviation measures including sound insulation projects at residences. MOD/SDF will further strengthen collaboration with relevant organizations including local governments, police and fire departments in order to enable SDF to swiftly and securely conduct its activities in response to various situations.

In certain regions, presence of SDF units makes substantial contributions to maintenance and revitalization of local communities. There are also cases where SDF's emergency patient transport is supporting community medicine. In light of this, MOD/SDF will give due considerations to local conditions and characteristics upon reorganization of operation units as well as placement of SDF garrisons and bases. MOD/SDF will also promote various measures that contribute to the local community by such means as striving to secure opportunities for local small and medium enterprises to receive contract orders based on the contracting policy of the nation, etc., concerning small and medium enterprises while also being mindful of efficiency.

#### (4) Intellectual Base

MOD/SDF will contribute to the promotion of national security education through such means as dispatching instructors to educational institutions and holding public symposiums. In addition, MOD/SDF will provide efficient and highly trustworthy information to increase public access to the research results regarding security. Moreover, MOD/SDF will promote various measures to improve the capabilities for providing information including that in foreign languages, the further utilization of increasingly diversified social networks, and MOD/SDF will also expand networks and institutional collaboration with research and education organizations, and think-tanks in Japan and abroad in order to further strengthen the research system of MOD/SDF with the National Institute for Defense Studies playing central

roles. Furthermore, MOD/SDF will contribute to policy development through timely and appropriate supply of high-quality research results, based upon expertise and research capabilities, to the policy development departments.

## IV. Quantities of Major Procurement

The Annex Table shows details of the quantities of major procurement described in Section III.

## V. Expenditures

1. The expenditure target for the implementation of the defense capability build-up described in this program amount to approximately ¥27,470 billion in FY 2018 prices.
2. For the duration of this program, in harmony with other measures taken by the Government, substantive funds will be secured by means of thoroughgoing greater efficiency and streamlining in defense force development, suspending the use of equipment whose importance has decreased, reviewing or discontinuing projects of low cost-effectiveness, optimizing equipment procurement through cost management/suppression and long-term contracts and securing other revenue. The annual defense budgets target for the implementation of this program is expected to be around approximately ¥25,500 billion over the next five years. In order to adapt to increasingly rapid changes in the security environment, Japan must strengthen its defense capability at speeds that are fundamentally different from the past. Moreover, to achieve rapid procurement of defense equipment, Japan must pursue flexible and swift project management, and the budgetary process for each fiscal year which will be conducted taking into account the economic and fiscal conditions among other budgets.
3. The amount of expenses based on contracts (material expenses) to be newly concluded to implement this program will be allocated within the ceiling of approximately ¥17,170 billion in FY 2018 prices (excluding the amount corresponding to payments outside of the program period for contracts that contribute to improving project efficiency such as maintenance), and the future obligation shall be managed appropriately.
4. This program will be reviewed after three years as necessary, with consideration to such factors at home and abroad as the international security environment, trends in technological standards including information communication technology, and fiscal conditions.

## VI. Other

While maintaining U.S. Forces deterrence, Japan will steadily implement specific measures stipulated in "United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation" and other SCC documents and SACO (Special Action Committee on Okinawa) related programs to mitigate the impact on local communities, including those in Okinawa.

**Annex Table**

Service	Equipment	Quantity
Ground Self-Defense Force	Mobile Combat Vehicles	134
	Armored Vehicles	29
	New Utility Helicopters	34
	Transport Helicopters (CH-47JA)	3
	Surface-to-Ship Guided Missiles	3 companies
	Mid-Range Surface-to-Air Guided Missiles	5 companies
	Land-based Aegis Systems (Aegis Ashore)	2
	Tanks	30
	Howitzers	40
Maritime Self-Defense Force	Destroyers	10
	Submarines	5
	Patrol Vessels	4
	Other Ships	4
	Total (Tonnage)	23 (approx. 66,000t)
	Fixed-Wing Patrol Aircraft (P-1)	12
	Patrol Helicopters (SH-60K/K (Upgraded Capability))	13
	Ship-Borne Unmanned Aerial Vehicles	3
	Minesweeping and Transport Helicopters (MCH-101)	1
Air Self-Defense Force	Airborne Early Warning (Control) Aircraft (E-2D)	9
	Fighters (F-35A)	45
	Fighter Upgrade (F-15)	20
	Aerial Refueling/Transport Aircraft (KC-46A)	4
	Transport Aircraft (C-2)	5
	Upgrade of PATRIOT Surface-to-Air Guided Missiles (PAC-3 MSE)	4 groups (16 fire squadrons)
	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Global Hawk)	1

Reference

Notes 1. Japan will basically pursue the establishment of 75 Patrol Helicopters and 20 Ship-borne UAVs at the completion of the “NDPG for FY 2019 and beyond,” but those exact numbers will be considered during the period of the “MTDP (FY 2019 - FY 2023).”  
 2. 18 aircraft out of 45 aircraft of Fighters (F-35A) would have STOVLs.

**Reference 4 Number of Tanks and Major Artillery Owned**

(As of March 31, 2021)

Type	Recoilless Guns	Mortars	Field Artillery	Rocket Launchers, etc.	Anti-aircraft Machine Guns	Tanks	Armored Vehicles
Approximate number owned	2,600	1,200	390	50	50	570	990

Notes: Each type of gun, except those of tanks and armored vehicles, includes self-propelled guns.

**Reference 5 Number of Major Aircraft and Performance Specifications**

(As of March 31, 2021)

Service	Type	Model	Use	Number Owned	Maximum Speed (knots)	Crew (number)	Full Length (m)	Full Width (m)	Engine
GSDF	Fixed-wing	LR-2	Liaison and Reconnaissance	8	300	2 (8)	14	18	Turboprop, twin-engines
		Rotary-wing	AH-1S	Anti-tank	50	120	2	14	3
	OH-1		Observation	37	140	2	12	3	Turboshaft, twin-engines
	UH-1J		Utility	123	110	2 (11)	13	3	Turboshaft, single-engine
	UH-2		Utility	1	130	2 (11)	13	3	Turboshaft, twin-engines
	CH-47J/JA		Transport	53	150/140	3 (55)	16	4/5	Turboshaft, twin-engines
	UH-60JA		Utility	40	150	2 (12)	16	3	Turboshaft, twin-engines
	AH-64D	Combat	12	150	2	15	6	Turboshaft, twin-engines	
Tilt Rotor	V-22	Transport	5	280	3 (24)	17	15	Turboshaft, twin-engines	
MSDF	Fixed-wing	P-1	Patrol	29	450	11	38	35	Turbofan, quadruple-engine
		P-3C	Patrol	44	400	11	36	30	Turboprop, quadruple-engine
		US-2	Rescue	6	320	11	33	33	Turboprop, quadruple-engine
	Rotary-wing	SH-60J	Patrol	14	150	4	15	5	Turboshaft, twin-engines
		SH-60K	Patrol	69	140	4	16	5	Turboshaft, twin-engines
		MCH-101	Minesweeping and transport	10	150	4	20	5	Turboshaft, triple engine
ASDF	Fixed-wing	F-15J/DJ	Fighter	201	mach 2.5	1/2	19	13	Turbofan, twin-engine
		F-4EJ/EJ (improved)	Fighter	5	mach 2.2	2	19	12	Turbojet, twin-engine
		F-2A/B	Fighter	91	mach 2	1/2	16	11	Turbofan, single-engine
		F-35A	Fighter	21	mach 1.6	1	16	11	Turbofan, single-engine
		C-1	Transport	9	mach 0.76	5 (60)	29	31	Turbofan, twin-engine
		C-2	Transport	12	mach 0.82	2~5 (110)	44	44	Turbofan, twin-engine
		C-130H	Transport	13	320	6 (92)	30	40	Turboprop, quadruple-engine
		KC-767	Aerial refueling transport	4	mach 0.84	4~8 (200)	49	48	Turbofan, twin-engine
		KC-130H	Aerial refueling transport	3	320	6 (92)	30	40	Turboprop, quadruple-engine
		E-2C	Early warning	10	320	5	18	25	Turboprop, twin-engines
		E-2D	Early warning	3	350	5	18	25	Turboprop, twin-engines
	E-767	Early warning and control	4	450	20	49	48	Turbofan, twin-engine	
	Rotary-wing	CH-47J	Transport	15	160	5 (48)	16	5	Turboshaft, twin-engines
		UH-60J	Rescue	41	140	5	16	5	Turboshaft, twin-engines

Notes: 1. The number of aircraft possessed indicates numbers registered in the national property ledger as of March 31, 2021.

2. Parenthetical figures in the item "Crew" represents the number of people transported.

3. The full length and width of rotary-wing aircraft does not include the rotor diameter.

4. Maximum speed, full length, and full width are approximate.

**Reference 6 Number of Major Ships Commissioned into Service**

(As of March 31, 2021)

Category	Destroyer	Submarine	Mine Warfare Ship	Patrol Combatant Craft	Amphibious Ship	Auxiliary Ship
Number (vessels)	47	21	22	6	11	30
Standard Displacement (1,000 tons)	267	60	22	1	28	133

Notes: Figures are rounded off, so the totals may not tally.



**Reference 7 Pattern of Defense-Related Expenditures (Original Budget Basis)**

(Unit: 100 million yen, %)

Item	GNP/GDP (Original Estimates) (A)	Annual Expenditures on General Account (B)	Growth Rate from Previous Year	General Annual Expenditures (C)	Growth Rate from Previous Year	Defense- Related Expenditures (D)	Growth Rate from Previous Year	Ratio of Defense- Related Expenditures to GNP/GDP (D/A)	Ratio of Defense- Related Expenditures to Annual Expenditures on General Account (D/B)	Ratio of Defense- related Expenditures to General Annual Expenditures (D/C)
Fiscal Year										
1955	75,590	9,915	△0.8	8,107	△2.8	1,349	△3.3	1.78	13.61	16.6
1965	281,600	36,581	12.4	29,198	12.8	3,014	9.6	1.07	8.24	10.3
1975	1,585,000	212,888	24.5	158,408	23.2	13,273	21.4	0.84	6.23	8.4
1985	3,146,000	524,996	3.7	325,854	△0.0	31,371	6.9	0.997	5.98	9.6
1995	4,928,000	709,871	△2.9	421,417	3.1	47,236	0.9	0.959	6.65	11.2
2012	4,796,000	903,339	△2.2	512,450	△5.2	46,453	△0.4	0.969	5.14	9.06
						47,138	△1.3	0.983	5.22	9.20
2013	4,877,000	926,115	2.5	539,774	5.3	46,804	0.8	0.960	5.05	8.88
							0.8	0.975	5.13	9.02
2014	5,004,000	958,823	3.5	564,697	4.6	47,838	2.2	0.956	4.99	8.47
						48,848	2.8	0.976	5.09	8.65
2015	5,049,000	963,420	0.5	573,555	1.6	48,221	0.8	0.955	5.01	8.41
						49,801	2.0	0.986	5.17	8.68
2016	5,188,000	967,218	0.4	578,286	0.8	48,607	0.8	0.937	5.03	8.41
						50,541	1.5	0.974	5.23	8.74
2017	5,535,000	974,547	0.8	583,591	0.9	48,996	0.8	0.885	5.03	8.40
						51,251	1.4	0.926	5.26	8.78
2018	5,643,000	977,128	0.3	588,958	0.9	49,388	0.8	0.875	5.05	8.39
						51,911	1.3	0.920	5.31	8.81
2019	5,661,000	994,291 (1,014,571)	3.8	599,359 (619,639)	5.2	50,070	1.4	0.884	5.04	8.35
						52,574	1.3	0.929	5.18	8.48
2020	5,702,000	1,008,791 (1,026,580)	1.2	617,184 (634,972)	2.5	50,688	1.2	0.889	5.02	8.21
						53,133	1.1	0.932	5.18	8.37
2021	5,595,000	1,066,097	3.8	669,020	5.4	51,235	1.1	0.916	4.81	7.66
						53,422	0.5	0.955	5.01	7.99

Notes: 1. The upper figures for defense-related expenditures for FY2012 and thereafter exclude SACO-related expenses (8.6 billion yen in FY2012, 8.8 billion yen in FY2013, 12.0 billion yen in FY2014, 4.6 billion yen in FY2015, 2.8 billion yen in FY2016, 2.8 billion yen in FY2017, 5.1 billion yen in FY2018, 25.6 billion yen in FY2019, 13.8 billion yen in FY2020, and 14.4 billion yen in FY2021), the U.S. Forces realignment-related expenses (the portion allocated for mitigating the impact on local communities) (59.9 billion yen in FY2012, 64.6 billion yen in FY2013, 89.0 billion yen in FY2014, 142.6 billion yen in FY2015, 176.6 billion yen in FY2016, 201.1 billion yen in FY2017, 216.1 billion yen in FY2018, 167.9 billion yen in FY2019, 179.9 billion yen in FY2020, and 204.4 billion yen in FY2021), expenses related to the introduction of new government aircraft (10.8 billion yen in FY2015, 14.0 billion yen in FY2016, 21.6 billion yen in FY2017, 31.2 billion yen in FY2018, 6.2 billion yen in FY2019, 0.03 billion yen in FY2020, and 0.03 billion yen in FY2021) as well as expenses for the three-year emergency measures for disaster prevention, mitigation and building national resilience (50.8 billion yen in FY2019 and 50.8 billion yen in FY2020), while the lower figures include them.

2. Annual expenditure on general account and the lower figures in parentheses in the general annual expenditures column for FY2019 and FY2020 include temporary/special measures.

3. The FY2021 budget includes expenses to be transferred to the Cabinet Secretariat and the Digital Agency (tentative name).

**Reference 8 Changes in Composition of Defense-Related Expenditures (Initial Budget)**

(Unit: 100 million yen, %)

Item	FY	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
		Budget	Composition Ratio	Budget	Composition Ratio	Budget	Composition Ratio	Budget	Composition Ratio	Budget	Composition Ratio
Personnel and provisions		21,662	44.2 42.3	21,850	44.2 42.1	21,831	43.6 41.5	21,426	42.3 40.3	21,919	42.8 41.0
Materials		27,334 29,589	55.8 57.7	27,538 30,061	55.8 57.9	28,239 30,744	56.4 58.5	29,262 31,708	57.7 59.7	29,316 31,504	57.2 59.0
Equipment acquisition		8,406	17.2 16.4	8,191	16.6 15.8	8,329	16.6 15.8	8,544	16.9 16.1	9,186	17.9 17.2
R&D		1,217	2.5 2.4	1,034	2.1 2.0	1,283	2.6 2.4	1,273	2.5 2.4	1,133	2.2 2.1
Facility improvement		1,571	3.2 3.1	1,752	3.5 3.4	1,407	2.8 2.7	1,513	3.0 2.8	2,030	4.0 3.8
Maintenance		10,888	22.2 21.2	11,343	23.0 21.9	12,027	24.0 22.9	12,610	24.9 23.7	11,609	22.7 21.7
Base countermeasures		4,529	9.2 8.8	4,449	9.0 8.6	4,470	8.9 8.5	4,584	9.0 8.6	4,618	9.0 8.6
The cost for SACO-related projects		28	0.1	51	0.1	256	0.5	138	0.3	144	0.3
U.S. Forces realignment-related expenses (mitigation of the impact on local communities)		2,011	3.9	2,161	4.2	1,679	3.2	1,799	3.4	2,044	3.8
Introduction of government aircraft		216	0.4	312	0.6	62	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0
National resilience-related expenses		—	—	—	—	508	1.0	508	1.0	—	—
Others		723	1.5 1.4	768	1.6 1.5	723	1.4 1.4	739	1.5 1.4	741	1.4
Total		48,996 51,251	100	49,388 51,911	100	50,070 52,574	100	50,688 53,133	100	51,235 53,422	1.4

Notes: 1. Personnel and food provisions expenses include personnel wage and food expenditures.

2. Equipment acquisition expenses include the purchase of arms, vehicles and aircraft, and the construction of ships.

3. R&amp;D expenses include those of equipment.

4. Facility improvement expenses include those of airfields and barracks.

5. Maintenance costs include those for housing, clothing and training.

6. Base countermeasures expenses include those for areas surrounding base countermeasures and burden by the USFJ.

7. Figures are rounded off, so the totals may not tally.

8. The upper figures for Budgets and Composition Ratio exclude the cost for SACO-related expenses (2.8 billion yen in FY2017, 5.1 billion yen in FY2018, 25.6 billion yen in FY2019, 13.8 billion yen in FY2020, and 14.4 billion yen in FY2021), the U.S. Forces realignment-related expenses (the portion allocated for mitigating the impact on local communities; 201.1 billion yen in FY2017, 216.1 billion yen in FY2018, 167.9 billion yen in FY2019, 179.9 billion yen in FY2020, and 204.4 billion yen in FY2021), expenses related to the introduction of new government aircraft (21.6 billion yen in FY2017, 31.2 billion yen in FY2018, 6.2 billion yen in FY2019, 0.03 billion yen in FY2020, and 0.03 billion yen in FY2021), as well as expenses for the three-year emergency measures for disaster prevention, mitigation and building national resilience (50.8 billion yen in FY2019 and 50.8 billion yen in FY2020), while the lower figures include them.

9. The FY2021 budget includes expenses (18.7 billion yen) to be transferred to the Cabinet Secretariat and the Digital Agency (tentative name).

**Reference 9** Trend of Defense Expenditures of Major Countries

Country	FY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Japan (100 million yen)		48,996	49,388	50,070	50,688	51,235
		51,251	51,911	52,574	53,133	53,422
		0.8%	0.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%
		1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.1%	0.5%
U.S. (U.S. 1 million dollar)		568,896	600,683	653,986	690,420	712,399
		0.6%	5.6%	8.9%	5.6%	3.2%
China (100 million yuan)		10,444	11,070	11,899	12,680	13,553
		7.1%	8.3%	7.5%	6.6%	6.8%
Russia (100 million RR)		28,523	28,270	29,974	32,968	31,863
		△24.4%	△0.9%	6.0%	10.0%	△3.4%
Republic of Korea (100 million won)		403,347	431,581	466,971	501,527	528,401
		4.0%	7.0%	8.2%	7.4%	5.4%
Australia (1 million Australian dollar)		35,191	36,231	38,562	42,612	44,568
		7.0%	3.0%	6.4%	10.5%	4.6%
U.K. (1 million GBP)		35,500	36,000	37,800	40,000	42,500
		1.4%	1.4%	5.0%	5.8%	6.3%
France (1 million euro)		40,841	42,741	44,354	46,076	—
		2.9%	4.7%	3.8%	3.9%	—
Germany (1 million euro)		37,005	38,520	43,228	45,646	46,930
		7.9%	4.1%	12.2%	5.6%	2.8%

Notes: 1. Data sources are national budget books, defense white papers and others.

2. % represents a rate of growth over the previous year.

3. In Japan, the figures in the upper row exclude SACO-related expenditures (2.8 billion yen for FY2017, 5.1 billion yen for FY2018, 25.6 billion yen for FY2019, 13.8 billion yen for FY2020, and 14.4 billion yen for FY2021), the expenditures associated with the U.S. Forces realignment (the portion allocated for mitigating the impact on local communities) (201.1 billion yen for FY2017, 216.1 billion yen for FY2018, 167.9 billion yen for FY2019, 179.9 billion yen for FY2020, and 204.4 billion yen for FY2021), expenses related to the introduction of new government aircraft (21.6 billion yen for FY2017, 31.2 billion yen for FY2018, 6.2 billion yen for FY2019, 0.03 billion yen for FY2020, and 0.03 billion yen for FY2021), as well as expenses for the three-year emergency measures for disaster prevention, mitigation and building national resilience (50.8 billion yen for FY2019 and 50.8 billion yen in FY2020), while the figures in the lower row are based on the initial budget and include them.

4. U.S. defense expenditures represent the expense narrowly defined by the Historical Table. Figures for FY2021 are estimated values.

5. The figures for China are based on the initial budget in the Finance Budget Report to the National People's Congress (only the defense expenditure in the central ministry expenditure [a portion of the central government expenditure] was released; however, for FY2017, the figures are the defense expenditure of the central government expenditure as it was calculable.) The rate of growth over the previous year was calculated by comparing with the defense expenditure in the central ministry expenditure. The defense expenditure in the central ministry expenditure for FY2017 was 1.0226 billion yuan.

6. Russia's defense expenditures are based on the FY2017-2020 expenditures and the FY2021 initial budget amount in the Information on Execution of Budgets of the Russian Federation released by the Federal Treasury.

7. The figures for the Republic of Korea are based on the initial budget released on its Ministry of National Defense website.

8. The figures for Australia are based on the initial budget in the Defence Portfolio Budget Statements published by the Australian Department of Defence.

9. The figures for the United Kingdom are based on the initial budget in the budget message.

10. The figures for France are based on the initial budget in "Defence Key Figures" by the French Ministry for Armed Forces. The defense expenditure for FY2021 has not been released as of April 2021.

11. The figures for Germany are based on the initial budget released by the Federal Ministry of Finance.

**Reference 10** Conditions Required for Main Operations of the Self-Defense Forces (Including Diet Approval) and Authority for the Use of Weapons Concerning Main Operations of the Self-Defense Forces

Operation	Applicable Situations, etc.	Conditions Required for Operations	Main provisions for authority
Defense operation (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 76)	(1)When there is a situation in which armed attack against Japan from outside occur or when it is considered that there is an imminent and clear danger of armed attack, and therefore it is necessary to defend Japan against these attacks. (2)When there is a situation in which an armed attack against a foreign country that is in a close relationship with Japan occurs, which in turn poses an imminent and clear danger of Japan's survival to be threatened and fundamentally overturns people's right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and therefore it is necessary to defend Japan against such a situation.	(1) Authorized by: Prime Minister (2) Approval of the Diet: required (prior approval required in principle) (3) Cabinet decision: required	○ Use of force necessary to defend Japan, etc.
Establishment of defense facilities (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 77-2)	When there are areas in which the deployment of SDF units under the order for defense operations is expected and the reinforcement of defensive preparations is deemed necessary (intended deployment area) before the deployment of SDF units for possible operation in cases where the situation has intensified and the order for defense operations (only for armed attack situations) is likely to be issued.	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: required (after the Cabinet decision on the Basic Response Plan) (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister)	○ Establishment of positions and defense facilities in the intended deployment area [Use of weapons] ○ SDF personnel engaged in construction of defense facilities may use weapons to the extent judged to be reasonably necessary depending on the situation when there are reasonable grounds for judging that no appropriate means of overcoming existing danger other than the use of weapons to protect their own lives and bodies and those of other SDF personnel engaged in duties together. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 36 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.



Operation	Applicable Situations, etc.	Conditions Required for Operations	Main provisions for authority
Measures to be taken before a defense operation order (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 77-3 and U.S. and Others' Military Actions Related Measures Act)	When a defense operation order is expected under a tense situation	(1) Authorized by Minister of Defense or person delegated authority by the Minister for supplies; Minister of Defense for services (2) Approval of the Diet: not required for supplies; required (after the Cabinet decision on the Basic Response Plan) for services (3) Cabinet decision: not required for supplies; required (approval of the Prime Minister) for services	○ Provision of supplies to the U.S. military forces as a measure related to the actions based on U.S. and others' Military Actions Related Measures Act ○ Provision of services as a related measure [Use of weapons] ○ SDF personnel and others ordered to provide services in accordance with measures related to U.S. military actions may use weapons to the extent judged to be reasonably necessary depending on the situation when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons to protect their own lives or bodies of themselves, those of other the SDF personnel who are with them, or of those who, while conducting their duties, have come under the protection of SDF personnel. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 36 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.
Civil protection dispatch (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 77-4)	When deemed unavoidable upon request by prefectural governors in accordance with the Civil Protection Law, or when requested by the Armed Attack Situation, etc., Task Force Chief or the Emergency Response Situation Task Force Chief in accordance with the Law	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister) (4) Additional requirements: request of prefectural governors or Armed Attack Situation, etc., Task Force Chief (Prime Minister)	○ Measures concerning guidance of fleeing residents, emergent measures, traffic control, etc., pursuant to the provision of the Civil Protection Law ○ Partial application of the Police Duties Law weapons (Measures for Refuge, etc., Prevention and Suppression of Crime, Entry, etc.) (all only when police officers are not present) ○ Partial application of the Japan Coast Guard Law (requests for cooperation, etc.) [Use of weapons] ○ Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act applies mutatis mutandis to SDF personnel ordered to civil protection dispatches only when police officers, Japan Coast Guard Officers, including assistant cast guard officers, are not present.
Public security operation by order (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 78)	When it is deemed that the public security cannot be maintained by the law enforcement force in the event of indirect aggression or other such emergencies	(1) Authorized by: Prime Minister (2) Approval of the Diet: required (to be referred to the Diet within 20 days of the order's issuance) (3) Cabinet decision: required	○ Application of the Police Duties Law (Questioning, Measures for Refuge, etc., Prevention and Suppression of Crime, etc.) ○ Partial application of the Japan Coast Guard Law (requests for cooperation, on-the-spot inspections, etc.) ○ Control over the Japan Coast Guard [Use of weapons] ○ Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act applies mutatis mutandis to the execution of duties of SDF personnel under public security operations. ○ SDF personnel who are ordered into public security operations may, in addition to cases where they use weapons under Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act, use weapons under certain cases, such as when they reasonably consider that persons to be guarded in the line of duty and others may suffer violence or infringement or are apparently exposed to such danger and no appropriate means of overcoming it other than the use of weapons.
Information gathering before public security operation order (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 79-2)	When situations have intensified and a public security operation order and illicit activity by those armed with rifles, machine guns, or other weapons are expected; and there is a special need to gather information	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister) (4) Additional requirements: consultation between the Minister of Defense and the National Public Safety Commission	[Use of weapons] ○ SDF personnel engaged in information-gathering duties before public security operation order may use weapons within the limit judged to be reasonably necessary depending on the situation when there are reasonable grounds for judging that no appropriate means of overcoming such danger other than the use of weapons to protect their own lives and bodies and those of other SDF personnel engaged in duties together. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 26 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.
Public security operation by request (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 81)	When deemed unavoidable if public peace is to be maintained in serious situations by the prefectural governors and by the Prime Minister	(1) Authorized by: Prime Minister (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: required (4) Additional requirements: prefectural governor makes a request to the Prime Minister after consulting with the prefectural Public Safety Commission	○ Application of the Police Duties Law (Questioning, Measures for Refuge, etc., Prevention and Suppression of Crime, etc.) ○ Partial application of the Japan Coast Guard Law (requests for cooperation, on-the-spot inspections, etc.) [Use of weapons] ○ Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act applies mutatis mutandis to the execution of duties of SDF personnel under public security operations. ○ SDF personnel who are ordered into public security operations may, in addition to cases where they use weapons under Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act, use weapons under certain cases, such as when they reasonably consider that persons to be guarded in the line of duty and others may suffer violence or infringement or are apparently exposed to such danger and no appropriate means of overcoming it other than the use of weapons.
Guarding operation (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 81-2)	When special measures are deemed necessary to prevent damage due to likely large-scale terrorist attacks on SDF or U.S. forces facilities and areas in Japan	(1) Authorized by: Prime Minister (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: required (4) Additional requirements: Minister of Defense consults with the National Public Safety Commission after hearing opinions from the relevant prefectural governor	○ Partial application of the Police Duties Law (Questioning; Measures for Refuge; Entry (all only when police officers are not present); Prevention and Suppression of Crime) [Use of weapons] ○ Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act applies mutatis mutandis to the execution of duties of SDF personnel under guarding operations. ○ SDF personnel who are ordered into guarding operations may, in addition to cases where they use weapons under Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act, use weapons in execution of their duties to the extent judged to be reasonably necessary depending on the situation when a clear danger of devastating destruction to the installation being guarded exists and there are reasonable grounds for judging that no appropriate means of overcoming such danger exists other than the use of weapons.

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Maritime security operations (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 82)	When special measures are deemed necessary to protect lives and property or maintain order at sea	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister)	○ Partial application of the Japan Coast Guard Law (requests for cooperation, on-the-spot inspections, etc.) [Use of weapons] ○ Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act applies mutatis mutandis to the execution of duties of SDF personnel under maritime security operations. ○ Article 20 (2) of the Japan Coast Guard Law, which allows stopping the progression of the vessel that meet certain conditions, applied mutatis mutandis to the execution of duties of SDF personnel under maritime security operations.
Counter-piracy operations (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 82-2 and Piracy Countermeasures Act)	When special measures are deemed necessary to combat acts of piracy	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (to be reported to the Diet when the Prime Minister has approved the counterpiracy operation and when a mission has been completed) (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister) (4) Additional requirements: Minister of Defense submits the response procedures to the Prime Minister	○ Partial application of the Japan Coast Guard Law (requests for cooperation, on-the-spot inspections, etc.) [Use of weapons] ○ Article 7 of the Police Duties Execution Act applies mutatis mutandis to the execution of duties of SDF personnel under counter-piracy operations. ○ If any party perpetrating acts of piracy, including approaching excessively close to a ship or trailing around a ship, continues their acts despite the counterpiracy measures of the other party, and there are reasonable grounds to believe that no other means are available to stop the passage of the ship in question, the use of weapons is permitted to the extent that is considered reasonably necessary in accordance with the situation.
Destruction measures against ballistic missiles, etc. (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 82-3)	When it is anticipated that ballistic missiles are flying toward Japan and the measures are deemed necessary to protect lives and properties in Japan's territory from the damage caused by the missiles	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (after-the fact report required when measures taken) (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister) (4) Additional requirements: for an urgent case, the order can be made in advance according to the emergency response procedures approved by the Prime Minister	[Use of weapons] ○ SDF units ordered to destroy ballistic missiles flying headed toward Japan may use weapons as required.
Disaster relief dispatch (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 83)	When judged necessary in order to protect lives and property in the event of natural calamities or other disasters	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense or those designated by the Minister (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: not required (4) Additional requirements: request of prefectural governors or other parties designated by Government ordinance (excluding particularly urgent situations when it is deemed there is no time to wait for a request to be made)	○ Partial application of the Police Duties Law (Refuge, entry, etc.) (all only when police officers are not present) ○ Partial application of the Japan Coast Guard Law (request for cooperation) ○ Authority provided for under the Disaster Measures Basic Law (Designation of alert zones, guarantee of passage for emergency vehicles, etc.; only when no municipal mayor or police officer is present)
Action against violation of territorial airspace (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84)	When a foreign aircraft intrudes Japan's territorial airspace in violation of international law and/or the provisions of the Aviation Law or other relevant laws and regulations	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: not required	○ The action necessary to make intruding aircraft land or withdraw from the territorial airspace of Japan (issuing warnings, guiding intruders away, use of weapons, etc.)
Elimination of mines and other dangerous objects (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84-2)	—	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: not required	○ Elimination and disposition of mines and other dangerous explosive objects found on the sea
Rescue of Japanese nationals and others overseas (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84-3)	Emergency situations overseas	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister) (4) Additional requirements: when a request is made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to conduct measures for rescue of Japanese nationals who are at risk for harm to their life or body, confirmation that the competent authorities of the country concerned are maintaining public safety and order at the time in the areas where the rescue measures are to be taken and that no act of combat will be conducted is required, and consent from the country concerned for the SDF's rescue measures is required	[Use of weapons] ○ SDF personnel engaged in duties related to rescue measures for Japanese nationals and others overseas may use weapons to the extent considered proper and necessary in light of the situations when: (1) there are reasonable grounds for judging that there are no appropriate means of overcoming such situations other than the use of weapons to protect their own lives and bodies and those of Japanese nationals and others, or to eliminate actions which obstruct their duties stated above; (2) there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons to protect their own lives or bodies, those of other SDF personnel engaged in duties together, or of those who, while conducting their duties, have come under the protection of SDF personnel. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 26 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.
Transportation of Japanese nationals and others overseas (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84-4)	Natural disasters, unrest, and other emergency situations overseas	(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: as necessary (4) Additional requirements: when a request is made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to evacuate Japanese nationals whose lives and bodies are threatened	[Use of weapons] ○ SDF personnel engaged in evacuation of Japanese nationals and others overseas may use weapons to the extent considered proper and necessary in light of the situation when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons to protect their own lives and bodies, those of other SDF personnel engaged in the evacuation, or of Japanese nationals to be evacuated under the management of SDF personnel or of those granted permission to ride the same means of transport. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 36 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.

Operation	Applicable Situations, etc.	Conditions Required for Operations	Main provisions for authority
<p>Logistics support and other activities (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84-5, Law Concerning Measures to Ensure Peace and Security of Japan in Situations that Will Have an Important Influence on Japan's Peace and Security, and Ship Inspection Operations Act)</p>	<p>Situations that will have an important influence on Japan's peace and security</p>	<p>(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense or person who is a delegated authority by the Minister for supplies; Minister of Defense for services, search and rescue activities, and ship inspection operations (2) Approval of the Diet: required (prior to taking measures in principle) (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister to implement response measures, for the draft basic plan and for the prescribed implementation guidelines pursuant to the basic plan)</p>	<p>[Use of weapons] ○ SDF personnel ordered to provide services as logistics support activities or to conduct search and rescue operations may use weapons to the extent considered proper and necessary in light of the situations: (1) when there are reasonable grounds for judging that no appropriate means of overcoming such situations other than the use of weapons to protect their own lives or bodies, those of other SDF personnel engaged in duties together, or of those who, while conducting their duties, have come under the protection of SDF personnel; (2) in the case where there are attacks against camps, which were established within foreign territories and where SDF units and SDF personnel jointly stationed with personnel from other countries such as the U.S. Forces personnel, when there are no other places but the camps in the vicinity to ensure the safety of the SDF units and others, and when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons jointly with those foreign personnel to protect their own lives or bodies as well as those of other personnel stationed together at the camps. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 26 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code. ○ SDF personnel ordered to conduct ship inspection operations may use weapons to the extent considered proper and necessary in light of the situation when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons to protect their own lives and bodies and those of others engaged in duties together or of those who, while conducting their duties, have come under the protection of SDF personnel. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 36 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.</p>
<p>Cooperation and support operations (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84-5, International Peace Support Act, and Ship Inspection Operations Act)</p>	<p>Situations where the peace and security of the international community is threatened, where the international community is collectively addressing the situation to remove the threat in accordance with the objectives of the United Nations Charter, and where Japan needs to make independent and proactive contributions to these activities as a member of the international community, and a resolution of the General Assembly or the Security Council of the UN is adopted</p>	<p>(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense or person who is a delegated authority by the Minister for supplies; Minister of Defense for services, search and rescue activities, and ship inspection operations (2) Approval of the Diet: required (prior consent required with no exception) (3) Cabinet decision: required (approval of the Prime Minister to implement response measures, for the draft basic plan and for the prescribed implementation guidelines pursuant to the basic plan)</p>	<p>[Use of weapons] ○ SDF personnel ordered to provide services as cooperation and support operations or to conduct search and rescue operations may use weapons to the extent considered proper and necessary in light of the situations: (1) when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons to protect their own lives or bodies, those of other SDF personnel engaged in duties together, or of those who, while conducting their duties, have come under the protection of SDF personnel; (2) in the case where there are attacks against camps, which were established within foreign territories and where SDF units and SDF personnel jointly stationed with personnel from other countries such as those of foreign armed forces, when there are no other places but the camps in the vicinity to ensure the safety of the SDF units and others, and when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons jointly with those foreign personnel to protect their own lives or bodies as well as those of other personnel stationed together at the camps. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 36 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code. ○ SDF personnel ordered to conduct ship inspection operations may use weapons to the extent considered proper and necessary in light of the situation when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons to protect their own lives and bodies and those of others engaged in duties together or of those who, while conducting their duties, have come under the protection of SDF personnel. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 36 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.</p>
<p>International disaster relief activities (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84-5 and International Disaster Relief Law)</p>	<p>In the case that a large-scale disaster has happened or is about to happen overseas, especially in developing countries/areas</p>	<p>(1) Authorized by: Minister of Defense (2) Approval of the Diet: not required (3) Cabinet decision: not required (4) Additional requirements: request of the government of the disaster-stricken country to dispatch international disaster relief teams, and consultation with the Minister for Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>—</p>

Operation	Applicable Situations, etc.	Conditions Required for Operations	Main provisions for authority
<p>International peace cooperation activities (Self-Defense Forces Law Article 84-5 and International Peace Cooperation Act)</p>	<p>United Nations peacekeeping operations, internationally coordinated operations for peace and security, and international humanitarian assistance</p>	<p>(1) Authorized by: Chief of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters (Prime Minister) (SDF personnel dispatched individually) Minister of Defense (SDF personnel dispatched as a unit)</p> <p>(2) Approval of the Diet: (when SDF units, etc., conduct so-called primary operations and “safety-ensuring” operations) required (prior consent required in principle); (other than so-called primary operations and “safety-ensuring” operations) not required</p> <p>(3) Cabinet decision: required (for implementation of international peace cooperation operations and the draft implementation plan)</p> <p>(4) Additional requirements: request of the Chief of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters (Prime Minister)</p>	<p>[Use of weapons]</p> <p>○ SDF personnel engaged in duties in international peace cooperation operations may use weapons to the extent considered proper and necessary in light of the situations: (1) when there are reasonable grounds for judging that no appropriate means of overcoming such situations other than the use of weapons to protect their own lives or bodies, those of other SDF personnel engaged in duties together, of International Peace Cooperation Corps, or of those who, while conducting their duties, have come under the protection of SDF personnel; (2) in the case where there are attacks against SDF personnel jointly stationed with personnel from other countries such as personnel of foreign armed forces’ units, and when there are reasonable grounds for the use of weapons jointly with those foreign personnel to protect their own lives or bodies as well as those of other personnel stationed together at the camps; (3) with regard to SDF personnel engaged in so-called “safety-ensuring” operations, when there are reasonable grounds for judging that no appropriate means of overcoming such situations other than the use of weapons to protect their own lives, bodies or assets, or those of other individuals, or to eliminate actions which obstruct their duties, in addition to (1) and (2) above; (4) with regard to SDF personnel engaged in so-called “kaketsuke-keigo (coming to protection of individuals related to operations in response to urgent request)” operations, when there are reasonable grounds for judging that there are no appropriate means of overcoming such situations other than the use of weapons to protect their own lives or bodies, or those of other individuals involved in the operations whom they intend to protect, in addition to (1) and (2) above. The use of weapons shall not cause harm to persons, except for cases falling under Article 26 (self-defense) or Article 37 (averting present danger) of the Penal Code.</p>



**Reference 11 History of Efforts for BMD Development in Japan**

1993	May 29: North Korea launched a ballistic missile that fell into the Sea of Japan
1995	Commenced a comprehensive study on the posture of the air defense system of Japan and a Japan-U.S. joint study on ballistic missile defense
1998	August 31: North Korea launched a ballistic missile over Japanese territory The Security Council approved the commencement of the Japan-U.S. joint cooperative technical research on ballistic missile defense (BMD) for parts of the sea-based upper-tier system
1999	Started the Japan-U.S. joint cooperative technical research on four major components for advanced interceptor missiles
2002	Decision by the United States on the initial deployment of BMD
2003	The Security Council and the Cabinet meeting approved the introduction of BMD system and other measures, and the deployment of BMD in Japan started
2005	Amendment of the Self-Defense Forces Law (ballistic missile destruction measures) The Security Council and the Cabinet meeting approved the Japan-U.S. cooperative development of advanced interceptors for BMD
2006	July 5: North Korea launched seven ballistic missiles, six of which fell into the Sea of Japan while the other exploded immediately after the launch
2007	The deployment of Patriot PAC-3 units started SM-3 launch tests by Aegis destroyers started
2009	March 27: First shoot-down order for ballistic-missiles, etc. issued April 5: North Korea launched a ballistic missile that it claimed was a "satellite," which flew over the Tohoku region and passed through to the Pacific Ocean July 4: North Korea launched seven ballistic missiles, which fell into the Sea of Japan
2012	March 30: Shoot-down order for ballistic-missiles, etc. issued April 13: North Korea launched a ballistic missile that it claimed was a "satellite," which flew a minute or longer, then separated into several parts and fell into the Yellow Sea December 7: Shoot-down order for ballistic-missiles, etc. issued December 12: North Korea launched a ballistic missile that it claimed was a "satellite," which flew over Okinawa Prefecture and passed through to the Pacific Ocean
2014	North Korea launched a total of 11 ballistic missiles in March, June, and July
2015	March 2: Two missiles were launched and flew approx. 500 km before landing in the Sea of Japan
2016	North Korea launched 23 ballistic missiles including what it claimed to be a "satellite" in a single year February 3: Shoot-down order for ballistic-missiles, etc. issued December 22: At the Nine Ministers' Meeting of the National Security Council (NSC), it was decided that the ballistic missile defense enhanced-capability interceptor missile (SM-3 block IIA) would progress to the joint production and deployment stage
2017	North Korea launched 17 ballistic missiles beginning in February June 22: Conducted a test shot of the SM-3 Block IIA at the sea December 19: NSC and the Cabinet meeting approved introducing two units of Aegis Ashore systems.
2018	January 31: The U.S. conducted a test shot of the SM-3 block IIA June 1: The MOD announced candidate sites for the deployment of two units of Aegis Ashore (GSDF Araya Maneuver Area in Akita Prefecture and Mutsumi Maneuver Area in Yamaguchi Prefecture) July 30: The MOD selected the components of Aegis Ashore (LMSSR) October 26: The United States conducted a test shot of the SM-3 Block IIA in waters October 29: The MOD started surveys concerning the deployment of Aegis Ashore December 11: The United States conducted a test shot of the SM-3 Block IIA
2019	North Korea launched a total of 25 ballistic missiles and other objects since May May 27 and 28: The MOD explained results of surveys concerning the deployment of Aegis Ashore and results of study by the MOD to the governors of Akita and Yamaguchi Prefectures December 17: The MOD provided the heads of the relevant local governments in Yamaguchi Prefecture with explanations anew on the results of the resurvey on deployment of Aegis Ashore
2020	North Korea launched eight ballistic missiles in March June 15: The MOD announced suspension of Aegis Ashore deployment process December 18: Security Council and Cabinet approved the installation of two Aegis System Equipped Vessels in place of Aegis Ashore
2021	North Korea launched two ballistic missiles in March

**Reference 12** Participation of the MOD/SDF in Civil Protection Joint Training Exercises with Central and Local Government Bodies (2020)

Types of Exercise	Training content (estimated)	Date	Location (cumulative times)
Field exercise	Terrorism using chemical agents, and a barricade incident	October 29, 2020	Toyama Prefecture (11 times)
	Terrorism using explosives	November 19, 2020	Oita Prefecture (7 times)
Simulation exercise	Review meetings	October 23, 2020	Miyagi Prefecture (4 times)
	Review meetings	November 12, 2020	Iwate Prefecture (8 times)
	Review meetings	December 16 to 17, 2020	Shimane Prefecture (4 times)
	Terrorism using explosives	January 14, 2021	Nara Prefecture (4 times)
	Terrorism using explosives, and detection of suspicious objects	January 18, 2021	Kochi Prefecture (3 times)
	Terrorism using explosives, and a barricade incident	January 21, 2021	Okayama Prefecture (4 times)
	Terrorism using explosives, and detection of suspicious objects	January 26, 2021	Kagoshima Prefecture (5 times)
	Detection of suspicious ships, terrorism using chemical agents, and a barricade incident	February 10, 2021	Ishikawa Prefecture (3 times)
	Terrorism using chemical agents, detection of suspicious ships, and a barricade incident	February 12, 2021	Aomori Prefecture (5 times)

Notes: Implemented in 15 Prefectures in FY2007.  
 Implemented in 18 Prefectures in FY2008.  
 Implemented in 14 Prefectures in FY2009.  
 Implemented in 10 Prefectures in FY2010.  
 Implemented in 12 Prefectures in FY2011.  
 Implemented in 11 Prefectures in FY2012.  
 Implemented in 12 Prefectures in FY2013.  
 Implemented in 13 Prefectures in FY2014.  
 Implemented in 15 Prefectures in FY2015.  
 Implemented in 22 Prefectures in FY2016.  
 Implemented in 28 Prefectures in FY2017.  
 Implemented in 24 Prefectures in FY2018.  
 Implemented in 20 Prefectures in FY2019.  
 Implemented in 11 Prefectures in FY2020.

**Reference 13** Efforts in Recent Years by the MOD on Cybersecurity

2012	April: Agreed in a Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting to start a comprehensive dialogue on cybersecurity in order to strengthen the engagement of the governments as a whole June: CYber incident Mobile Assistance Team (CYMAT) established in the National Information Security Center (NISC) September: "Towards the Stable and Effective Utilization of Cyberspace by the Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces" formulated
2013	May: The First Japan-U.S. Cyber Dialogue was held in accordance with the Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting July: The MOD and defense industry members deeply interested in cybersecurity established the Cyber Defense Council (CDC) August: Agreed at the Japan-U.S. Defense Ministers' Meeting to consider a new framework for cooperation between the defense authorities from the perspective of further promoting Japan-U.S. defense cooperation in the cybersecurity area October: Cyber Defense Policy Working Group (CDPWG) established between the Japanese and U.S. defense authorities
2014	March: Cyber Defense Group newly formed under the Command Control Communication Computers Systems Command November: The Basic Act on Cybersecurity enacted
2015	January: Cybersecurity Strategy Headquarters established under the Cabinet January: National Center of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity (NISC) established in the Cabinet Secretariat May: Joint statement issued by the CDPWG September: Cybersecurity Strategy established by Cabinet Decision
2016	April: The MOD established Deputy Director-General for Cybersecurity and Information Technology
2018	January: Japan was approved to join the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence located in Estonia July: Cybersecurity Strategy established by Cabinet Decision December: The Basic Act on Cybersecurity revised
2019	March: Dispatch MOD personnel to NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) in Estonia April: Established the "Cybersecurity Council," a NISC-lead public-private collaboration framework April: Shared the view at the Japan-U.S. "2+2" Meeting on enhancing cooperation on cyber issues, and affirmed that a cyber attack could, in certain circumstances, constitute an armed attack for the purposes of Article V of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty December: Officially participated in "Cyber Coalition 2019," a cyber defense exercise organized by NATO for the first time
2021	March: Held MOD cyber contest

**Reference 14 Record of Disaster Relief (Past Five Years)**

FY	2016	Kumamoto Earthquake (2016)	2017	Northern Kyushu torrential rains (2017)	2018	2018 July Heavy Rain (2018)	2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake (2018)	2019	2019 Boso Peninsula Typhoon (Typhoon Faxai)	2019 East Japan Typhoon (Typhoon Hagibis)	2020	2020 July Heavy Rain
Number of Dispatches	515	—	501	—	430	12	1	447	1	1	530	1
Personnel	33,123	Approx. 814,200	23,838	Approx. 81,950	22,665	Approx. 957,000	Approx. 211,000	43,285	Personnel working in the field Approx. 54,000 Overall personnel Approx. 96,000	Personnel working in the field Approx. 84,000 Overall personnel Approx. 880,000	58,828	Personnel working in the field Approx. 61,000 Overall personnel Approx. 350,000
Vehicles	5,824	—	3,340	Approx. 7,140	3,090	Approx. 49,500	Approx. 17,800	7,597	Approx. 19,000	Approx. 49,400	8,132	Approx. 13,000
Aircraft	725	2,618	792	169	644	340	230	707	Approx. 20	Approx. 1,610	567	Approx. 270
Vessels	11	300	39	0	11	150	20	9	Approx. 20	Approx. 100	4	4

\* Kumamoto Earthquake, Northern Kyushu torrential rains, 2018 July Heavy Rain, 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake, 2019 Boso Peninsula Typhoon (Typhoon Faxai), 2019 East Japan Typhoon (Typhoon Hagibis) and 2020 July Heavy Rain are excluded from the record of each fiscal year.

\* The number of overall personnel includes maintenance, communication, command, standby/backup and other rear-service personnel in addition to personnel working in the field.

\* Education support in relation to COVID-19 included in FY2020 is only recorded in terms of number of personnel.

**Reference 15 Government's Efforts to Ensure the Safety of Japan-Related Vessels in the Middle East**

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Peace and stability in the Middle East are crucial to the peace and prosperity of the international community, including Japan. In addition, it is very important to ensure the safety of Japan-related vessels (meaning Japanese-flag ships and foreign-flag ships that Japanese nationals are on board, as well as foreign-flag ships operated by Japanese shipping business operators or foreign-flag ships transporting Japanese cargoes that are important for stable economic activities of Japanese people; hereinafter the same) in the Middle East, which is the world's major energy source.

In the Middle East, amidst ongoing high tensions, there were incidents of attacks on ships. In June 2019, Japan-related vessels suffered damage. Under these circumstances, each country is engaging in efforts to ensure the safety of navigation in the region by utilizing ships and aircraft. Under the International Maritime Security Construct, the United States is carrying out activities utilizing ships, etc., together with the United Kingdom and other countries. France is participating in the initiative by European countries and has established a command in the UAE. India and the ROK are also carrying out activities using ships independently. In this manner, the international community is making all-out efforts to ensure safety, while gathering information for the safety of navigation by diverse means.

In this context, Japan has decided to make government-wide efforts and implement comprehensive measures in collaboration among relevant ministries and agencies with regard to the following points as Japan's independent initiative to ensure peace and stability in the Middle East and the safety of Japan-related vessels: (1) further diplomatic efforts to ease tensions in the Middle East and stabilize the situation; (2) thorough implementation of navigation safety measures, including close information sharing with relevant industries; and (3) better utilization of the SDF's ships and aircraft to strengthen information gathering posture. In light of the significance of these measures, Japan will take actions as follows based on the Cabinet decision.

**1. Further diplomatic efforts**

Japan has built good relations with countries involved in the stability of the Middle East, such as maintaining good relations with Iran for many years while being an ally of the United States. Taking advantage of these relations, Japan will make further diplomatic efforts, including reaching out to the countries concerned at various levels, to ease tensions and stabilize the situation in the Middle East. In addition, Japan will continue to seek cooperation from the coastal countries that play an important role in the safe navigation of vessels. As for SDF's activities in the Middle East region, Japan has made efforts to gain the understanding of related countries in the region. Continued efforts will be made to gain the understanding of the countries concerned in the region regarding the SDF's information gathering activities described in 3 below.

**2. Thorough implementation of navigation safety measures**

Japan will thoroughly implement its navigation safety measures, including meticulous information sharing with related industries. Specifically, a system of cooperation within the government and between the government and related industries will be established, which will also cover the sharing of information obtained through the SDF's information gathering activities described in 3 below by related ministries and agencies. In addition, whenever information that suggests the existence of a risk to the safe navigation of vessels is obtained, the government will promptly share such information with related industries to call for vigilance in a timely manner, encouraging them to thoroughly implement navigation safety measures at their own initiative.

**3. Information gathering activities by the SDF**

Although there is no immediate need to implement protective measures for Japan-related vessels in the Middle East, given the ongoing high tensions in the region, it is necessary to strengthen the information gathering system to ensure the safety of Japan-related vessels. Therefore, Japan has decided to have the SDF conduct information gathering activities, considering the distance from Japan to the Middle East region, the SDF's experience in operating in the region, and the importance of cooperation with units and organizations from other countries.

The SDF's information gathering activities are part of the

government's navigation safety measures and are aimed at collecting information necessary to ensure the safety of Japan-related vessels. The activities are to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (1), item (xviii) of the Act for Establishment of the Ministry of Defense (Act No. 164 of 1954), as they would need smooth decision making and order issuance in relation to Maritime Security Operations as measures for unforeseen circumstances or other changes in the situation, which are provided in Article 82 of the Self-Defense Forces Law (Act No. 165 of 1954) described in (4) below.

Basic implementation policies are as follows. Details are to be provided in the Defense Minister's order.

(1) Information to Be Gathered

The SDF will gather information that directly affects or is necessary for ensuring safe navigation in the waters described in (3) below.

(2) Equipment

One destroyer will be dispatched. In addition, the SDF will also use fixed-wing patrol aircraft P-3C of the units currently engaged in the Counter-Piracy Operations (hereinafter referred to as "counter-piracy units") under Article 7, paragraph (1) of the Acts of Punishment and Countermeasures against Piracy (Act No. 55 of 2009, hereinafter referred to as the "Piracy Countermeasures Act"). Information gathering activities by the counter-piracy units will be carried out to an extent that does not interfere with the counter-piracy operation.

(3) Geographical Scope of Activities

The geographical scope of the information gathering activities by destroyers and fixed-wing patrol aircraft described in (2) consists of three waters of high seas: the Gulf of Oman, the northern Arabian Sea, and the Gulf of Aden to the east of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait (including the exclusive economic zones of the coastal states). For resupply, destroyers will call at a port facing the three seas.

(4) Responding to Unforeseen Circumstances or Other Changes in the Situation

In the event of unforeseen circumstances or other changes in the situation, the relevant ministries and agencies will work together to understand the situation, share information closely and promptly with each other, and strengthen the government's response. Then, if further measures by the SDF are deemed necessary in response to the situation in question, Maritime Security Operations will be ordered in accordance with Article 82 of the Self-Defense Forces Law. When issuing such an order, the MOD will make best efforts for prompt decision making.

The measures that can be taken in the course of Maritime Security Operations will be based on international laws, including the flag state principle, and will vary depending on the circumstances, such as whether the protected vessel is a Japanese or foreign-flagged vessel and the type of infringement.

(5) Ensuring the Safety of the SDF Units

In conducting information gathering activities, the SDF units take all possible measures to ensure their own safety, including the collection of sufficient information on the situation in the areas of operation, the installation of equipment necessary to ensure safety, and appropriate prior education and training

(6) Cooperation among Relevant Ministries and Agencies

In order to ensure the effectiveness of information gathering activities and responses to changes in the situation including the rise of unforeseen circumstances, relevant ministries and

agencies will work closely together to share understanding regarding such responses, improve response capabilities through training, and develop a system that allows for a prompt response to the situation.

(7) Cooperation with Other Countries

Although Japan does not participate in any specific framework related to the safety of navigation in the Middle East and the SDF's information gathering activities are to be conducted at its own initiative, Japan will communicate and cooperate with other countries as necessary.

(8) Duration of the SDF's Activities

The period during which the SDF should engage in the information gathering activities (including preparation and training periods) under the Cabinet decision is from December 27, 2019, to December 26, 2021. If it is deemed necessary to extend the SDF's activities based on the Cabinet decision, another Cabinet decision or any changes to it will be made in that regard. If, prior to the expiration of the above period, the SDF's activities are no longer deemed necessary in light of the necessity described in this paragraph, the SDF will terminate such activities at that point. If there is a noticeable change in the situation, the National Security Council will consider a response.

#### 4. Report to the Diet

In view of the fact that matters pertaining to the SDF operations under the Piracy Countermeasures Act are reported to the Diet in accordance with Article 7, paragraph (3) of the Piracy Countermeasures Act, the Diet is to receive a report whenever a Cabinet decision or any changes to it is made and a report on the results of such activities upon termination.

### Reference 16 The Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation

(April 27, 2015)

#### I. Defense Cooperation and the Aim of the Guidelines

In order to ensure Japan's peace and security under any circumstances, from peacetime to contingencies, and to promote a stable, peaceful, and prosperous Asia-Pacific region and beyond, bilateral security and defense cooperation will emphasize:

- seamless, robust, flexible, and effective bilateral responses;
- synergy across the two governments' national security policies;
- a whole-of-government Alliance approach;
- cooperation with regional and other partners, as well as international organizations; and
- the global nature of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.

The two governments will continuously enhance the Japan-U.S. Alliance. Each government will maintain its individual defense posture based on its national security policy. Japan will possess defense capability on the basis of the "National Security Strategy" and the "National Defense Program Guidelines." The United States will continue to extend deterrence to Japan through the full range of capabilities, including U.S. nuclear forces. The United States also will continue to forward deploy combat-ready forces in the Asia-Pacific region and maintain the ability to reinforce those forces rapidly.

The Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation ("the Guidelines") provide the general framework and policy direction for the roles and missions of Japan and the United



States, as well as ways of cooperation and coordination, with a view to improving the effectiveness of bilateral security and defense cooperation. In this way, the Guidelines advance peace and security, deter conflict, secure the basis for economic prosperity, and promote domestic and international understanding of the significance of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.

## II. Basic Premises and Principles

The Guidelines, as well as actions and activities under the Guidelines, are and will be consistent with the following basic premises and principles.

- A. The rights and obligations under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America (the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty) and its related arrangements, as well as the fundamental framework of the Japan-U.S. Alliance, will remain unchanged.
- B. All actions and activities undertaken by Japan and the United States under the Guidelines will be consistent with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and its provisions regarding the peaceful settlement of disputes and sovereign equality of States, as well as other relevant international agreements.
- C. All actions and activities undertaken by Japan and the United States will be in accordance with their respective constitutions, laws, and regulations then in effect, and basic positions on national security policy. Japan will conduct actions and activities in accordance with its basic positions, such as the maintenance of its exclusively national defense-oriented policy and its three non-nuclear principles.
- D. The Guidelines do not obligate either government to take legislative, budgetary, administrative, or other measures, nor do the Guidelines create legal rights or obligations for either government. Since the objective of the Guidelines, however, is to establish an effective framework for bilateral cooperation, the two governments are expected to reflect in an appropriate way the results of these efforts, based on their own judgment, in their specific policies and measures.

## III. Strengthened Alliance Coordination

Effective bilateral cooperation under the Guidelines will require the two governments to conduct close, consultative dialogue and sound policy and operational coordination from peacetime to contingencies.

The two governments must be well informed and coordinate at multiple levels to ensure successful bilateral security and defense cooperation. To that end, the two governments will take advantage of all available channels to enhance information sharing and to ensure seamless and effective whole-of-government Alliance coordination that includes all relevant agencies. For this purpose, the two governments will establish a new, standing Alliance Coordination Mechanism, enhance operational coordination, and strengthen bilateral planning.

### A. Alliance Coordination Mechanism

Persistent and emerging threats can have a serious and immediate impact on the peace and security of Japan and the United States. In order to address seamlessly and effectively any situation that affects Japan's peace and security or any other situation that may require an Alliance response, the two governments will utilize the Alliance Coordination Mechanism. This mechanism will strengthen policy and operational coordination related to activities conducted by the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces in all phases from peacetime to contingencies. This mechanism also will contribute to timely information sharing as well as the development and maintenance of common

situational awareness. To ensure effective coordination, the two governments will establish necessary procedures and infrastructure (including facilities as well as information and communication systems) and conduct regular training and exercises.

The two governments will tailor to the situation the procedures for coordination as well as the exact composition of participating agencies within the Alliance Coordination Mechanism structure. As part of these procedures, contact information will be shared and maintained from peacetime.

### B. Enhanced Operational Coordination

Enhanced bilateral operational coordination for flexible and responsive command and control is a core capability of critical importance to Japan and the United States. In this context, the two governments recognize the continued importance of collocating operational coordination functions to strengthen cooperation between the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will exchange personnel to ensure robust information sharing, to facilitate coordination from peacetime to contingencies, and to support international activities. The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, in close cooperation and coordination, will take action through their respective chains-of-command.

### C. Bilateral Planning

The two governments will continue to develop and update bilateral plans to ensure smooth and effective execution of coordinated operations by the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces. To ensure the effectiveness of the plans and the ability to make flexible, timely, and appropriate responses, the two governments will exchange relevant information, including identifying operational and logistic support requirements and sources in advance, as appropriate.

The two governments will conduct bilateral planning in peacetime for contingencies relevant to Japan's peace and security through an upgraded Bilateral Planning Mechanism, which includes relevant agencies of the respective governments. Bilateral plans will be developed with input from relevant agencies, as appropriate. The Security Consultative Committee (SCC) will continue to be responsible for presenting directions, validating the progress of the planning under the mechanism, and issuing directives as necessary. The SCC will be assisted by an appropriate subordinate body.

Bilateral plans are to be reflected appropriately in the plans of both governments.

## IV. Seamlessly Ensuring Japan's Peace and Security

Persistent and emerging threats can have a serious and immediate impact on Japan's peace and security. In this increasingly complex security environment, the two governments will take measures to ensure Japan's peace and security in all phases, seamlessly, from peacetime to contingencies, including situations when an armed attack against Japan is not involved. In this context, the two governments also will promote further cooperation with partners.

The two governments recognize that these measures need to be taken based on flexible, timely, and effective bilateral coordination tailored to each situation and that interagency coordination is essential for appropriate Alliance responses. Therefore, the two governments will utilize the whole-of-government Alliance Coordination Mechanism, as appropriate, to:

- assess the situation;
- share information; and
- develop ways to implement the appropriate Alliance response, including flexible deterrent options, as well as actions aimed at de-escalation.

To support these bilateral efforts, the two governments also will coordinate strategic messaging through appropriate channels on issues that could potentially affect Japan's peace and security.

#### A. Cooperative Measures from Peacetime

In order to ensure the maintenance of Japan's peace and security, the two governments will promote cooperation across a wide range of areas, including through diplomatic efforts, to strengthen the deterrence and capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will enhance interoperability, readiness, and vigilance to prepare for all possible situations. To these ends, the two governments will take measures, including, but not limited to, the following:

##### 1. Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

In order to identify at the earliest possible stage any indications of threats to Japan's peace and security and to ensure a decisive advantage in intelligence gathering and analysis, the two governments will share and protect information and intelligence, while developing and maintaining common situational awareness. This will include enhancing coordination and cooperation among relevant agencies.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) activities based on the capabilities and availability of their respective assets. This will include conducting bilateral ISR activities in a mutually supportive manner to ensure persistent coverage of developments that could affect Japan's peace and security.

##### 2. Air and Missile Defense

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will maintain and strengthen deterrence and their defense postures against ballistic missile launches and aerial incursions. The two governments will cooperate to expand early warning capabilities, interoperability, network coverage, and real-time information exchange and to pursue the comprehensive improvement of capabilities to respond to the threat of ballistic missiles. Moreover, the two governments will continue to coordinate closely in responding to provocative missile launches and other aerial activities.

##### 3. Maritime Security

The two governments will cooperate closely with each other on measures to maintain maritime order based upon international law, including freedom of navigation. The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate, as appropriate, on various efforts such as maintaining and enhancing bilateral presence in the maritime domain through ISR and training and exercises, while further developing and enhancing shared maritime domain awareness including by coordinating with relevant agencies, as necessary.

##### 4. Asset Protection

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will provide mutual protection of each other's assets, as appropriate, if engaged in activities that

contribute to the defense of Japan in a cooperative manner, including during training and exercises.

##### 5. Training and Exercises

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct effective bilateral and multilateral training and exercises both inside and outside of Japan in order to strengthen interoperability, sustainability, and readiness. Timely and realistic training and exercises will enhance deterrence. To support these activities, the two governments will cooperate to ensure that training areas, facilities, and associated equipment are available, accessible, and modern.

##### 6. Logistic Support

Japan and the United States are primarily responsible for providing logistic support for their respective forces in all phases. The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will provide mutual logistic support where appropriate, including, but not limited to, supply, maintenance, transportation, engineering, and medical services, for such activities as set forth in the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Reciprocal Provision of Logistic Support, Supplies and Services between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Armed Forces of the United States of America (the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement) and its related arrangements.

##### 7. Use of Facilities

In order to expand interoperability and improve flexibility and resiliency of the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, the two governments will enhance joint/shared use and cooperate in ensuring the security of facilities and areas. Recognizing the importance of being prepared for contingencies, the two governments also will cooperate in conducting site surveys on facilities including civilian airports and seaports, as appropriate.

#### B. Responses to Emerging Threats to Japan's Peace and Security

The Alliance will respond to situations that will have an important influence on Japan's peace and security. Such situations cannot be defined geographically. The measures described in this section include those that may be taken, in accordance with the two countries' respective laws and regulations, in circumstances that have not yet amounted to such a situation. Early recognition and adaptable, resolute decision-making on bilateral actions will contribute to deterrence and de-escalation of such situations.

In addition to continuing cooperative measures from peacetime, the two governments will pursue all avenues, including diplomatic efforts, to ensure the peace and security of Japan. Utilizing the Alliance Coordination Mechanism, the two governments will take additional measures, based on their own decisions, including, but not limited to, those listed below.

##### 1. Noncombatant Evacuation Operations

When Japanese and U.S. noncombatants need to be evacuated from a third country to a safe haven, each government is responsible for evacuating its own nationals, as well as dealing with the authorities of the affected area. As appropriate, the two governments will coordinate in planning and cooperate in carrying out evacuations of Japanese or U.S. noncombatants. These evacuations will be carried out using each country's capabilities such as transportation means and facilities in a mutually supplementary manner. The two governments

may each consider extending evacuation assistance to third-country noncombatants.

The two governments will conduct early-stage coordination through the Alliance Coordination Mechanism, as appropriate, to carry out cooperation in fields such as the safety of evacuees, transportation means and facilities, customs, immigration and quarantine processing, safe havens, and medical services. The two governments will enhance coordination in noncombatant evacuation operations from peacetime, as appropriate, including by conducting training and exercises.

#### 2. Maritime Security

Taking into account their respective capabilities, the two governments will cooperate closely to enhance maritime security. Cooperative measures may include, but are not limited to, information sharing and inspection of ships based on a United Nations Security Council resolution or other basis under international law.

#### 3. Measures to Deal with Refugees

If a situation develops such that a flow of refugees into Japan becomes likely or actually begins, the two governments will cooperate to maintain Japan's peace and security while handling refugees in a humane manner consistent with applicable obligations under international law. Primary responsibility for such refugee response lies with Japan. The United States will provide appropriate support upon a request from Japan.

#### 4. Search and Rescue

The two governments will cooperate and provide mutual support, as appropriate, in search and rescue operations. The Self-Defense Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, will provide support to combat search and rescue operations by the United States, where appropriate, subject to Japanese laws and regulations.

#### 5. Protection of Facilities and Areas

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces are responsible for protecting their own facilities and areas in cooperation with relevant authorities. Upon request from the United States, Japan will provide additional protection for facilities and areas in Japan in close cooperation and coordination with the United States Armed Forces.

#### 6. Logistic Support

The two governments will enhance mutual logistic support (which includes, but is not limited to, supply, maintenance, transportation, engineering, and medical services), as appropriate, to enable effective and efficient operations. This includes rapid validation and resourcing of operational and logistic support requirements. The Government of Japan will make appropriate use of the authorities and assets of central and local government agencies as well as private sector assets. The Government of Japan will provide logistic or other associated support where appropriate, subject to Japanese laws and regulations.

#### 7. Use of Facilities

The Government of Japan will provide, as needed, temporary use of facilities, including civilian airports and seaports, in accordance with the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty and its related arrangements. The two governments will enhance cooperation in joint/shared use of facilities and areas.

### C. Actions in Response to an Armed Attack against Japan

Bilateral actions in response to an armed attack against Japan

remain a core aspect of Japan-U.S. security and defense cooperation.

When an armed attack against Japan is anticipated, the two governments will take steps to deter the armed attack and to de-escalate the situation, while making preparations necessary for the defense of Japan.

When an armed attack against Japan occurs, the two governments will conduct appropriate bilateral actions to repel it at the earliest possible stage and to deter any further attacks. The two governments also will take necessary measures including those listed earlier in Chapter IV.

#### 1. When an Armed Attack against Japan is Anticipated

When an armed attack against Japan is anticipated, the two governments will intensify, through a comprehensive and robust whole-of-government approach, information and intelligence sharing and policy consultations, and will pursue all avenues, including diplomatic efforts, to deter the attack and to de-escalate the situation.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will assume appropriate postures for bilateral operations, including the execution of necessary deployments. Japan will establish and maintain the basis for its support of U.S. deployments. The preparations by the two governments may include, but would not be limited to: joint/ shared use of facilities and areas; mutual logistic support, including, but not limited to, supply, maintenance, transportation, engineering, and medical services; and reinforced protection of U.S. facilities and areas in Japan.

#### 2. When an Armed Attack against Japan Occurs

##### a. Principles for Coordinated Actions

If an armed attack against Japan occurs despite diplomatic efforts and deterrence, Japan and the United States will cooperate to repel promptly the attack and deter any further attacks to return peace and security to Japan. Such coordinated actions will contribute to the reestablishment of peace and security in the region.

Japan will maintain primary responsibility for defending the citizens and territory of Japan and will take actions immediately to repel an armed attack against Japan as expeditiously as possible. The Self-Defense Forces will have the primary responsibility to conduct defensive operations in Japan and its surrounding waters and airspace, as well as its air and maritime approaches. The United States will coordinate closely with Japan and provide appropriate support. The United States Armed Forces will support and supplement the Self-Defense Forces to defend Japan. The United States will take actions to shape the regional environment in a way that supports the defense of Japan and reestablishes peace and security.

Recognizing that all instruments of national power will be required to defend Japan, the two governments respectively will employ a whole-of-government approach, utilizing their respective chains-of-command, to coordinate actions through the Alliance Coordination Mechanism.

The United States will employ forward-deployed forces, including those stationed in Japan, and introduce reinforcements from elsewhere, as required. Japan will establish and maintain the basis required to facilitate these deployments.

The two governments will take actions as appropriate to provide defense of each other's forces and facilities in response to an armed attack against Japan.

b. Concept of Operations

i. Operations to Defend Airspace

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct bilateral operations to defend airspace above and surrounding Japan.

The Self-Defense Forces will have primary responsibility for conducting air defense operations while ensuring air superiority. For this purpose, the Self-Defense Forces will take necessary actions, including, but not limited to, defense against attacks by aircraft and cruise missiles.

The United States Armed Forces will conduct operations to support and supplement the Self-Defense Forces' operations.

ii. Operations to Counter Ballistic Missile Attacks

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct bilateral operations to counter ballistic missile attacks against Japan.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will exchange real-time information for early detection of ballistic missile launches. When there is an indication of a ballistic missile attack, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will maintain an effective posture to defend against ballistic missile attacks heading for Japan and to protect forces participating in ballistic missile defense operations.

The Self-Defense Forces will have primary responsibility for conducting ballistic missile defense operations to defend Japan.

The United States Armed Forces will conduct operations to support and supplement the Self-Defense Forces' operations.

iii. Operations to Defend Maritime Areas

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct bilateral operations to defend waters surrounding Japan and to secure the safety of sea lines of communication.

The Self-Defense Forces will have primary responsibility for the protection of major ports and straits in Japan and of ships and vessels in waters surrounding Japan and for other associated operations. For this purpose, the Self-Defense Forces will take necessary actions, including, but not limited to, coastal defense, anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, mine warfare, anti-air warfare, and air interdiction.

The United States Armed Forces will conduct operations to support and supplement the Self-Defense Forces' operations.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate in the interdiction of shipping activities providing support to adversaries involved in the armed attack.

The effectiveness of these activities will be enhanced through information sharing and other forms of cooperation among relevant agencies.

iv. Operations to Counter Ground Attacks

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct bilateral operations to counter ground attacks against Japan by ground, air, maritime, or amphibious forces.

The Self-Defense Forces will have primary responsibility for conducting operations to prevent and repel ground attacks, including those against islands. If the need arises, the Self-Defense Forces will conduct operations to retake an island. For this purpose, the Self-Defense Forces will take necessary actions, including, but not limited to, operations to prevent and repel airborne and seaborne invasions, amphibious operations, and rapid deployment.

The Self-Defense Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, also will have primary responsibility for defeating attacks by special operations forces or any other unconventional attacks in Japan, including those that involve infiltration.

The United States Armed Forces will conduct operations to support and supplement the Self-Defense Forces' operations.

v. Cross-Domain Operations

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct bilateral operations across domains to repel an armed attack against Japan and to deter further attacks. These operations will be designed to achieve effects across multiple domains simultaneously.

Examples of cooperation across domains include the actions described below.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, as appropriate, will strengthen their respective ISR postures, enhance the sharing of intelligence, and provide protection for each other's ISR assets.

The United States Armed Forces may conduct operations involving the use of strike power, to support and supplement the Self-Defense Forces. When the United States Armed Forces conduct such operations, the Self-Defense Forces may provide support, as necessary. These operations will be based on close bilateral coordination, as appropriate.

The two governments will cooperate to address threats in the space and cyberspace domains in accordance with bilateral cooperation set out in Chapter VI.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces' special operations forces will cooperate during operations, as appropriate.

c. Operational Support Activities

The two governments will cooperate in the following activities in support of bilateral operations.

i. Communications and Electronics

The two governments will provide mutual support to ensure effective use of communications and electronics capabilities, as appropriate.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will ensure effective communication between the two forces and maintain a common operational picture for



bilateral operations under common situational awareness.

ii. Search and Rescue

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, will cooperate and provide mutual support in search and rescue operations, including combat search and rescue, as appropriate.

iii. Logistic Support

When operations require supplementing their respective logistics resources, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will provide flexible and timely mutual logistic support, based on their respective capabilities and availability.

The two governments will make appropriate use of the authorities and assets of central and local government agencies, as well as private sector assets, to provide support.

iv. Use of Facilities

The Government of Japan will provide, as needed, additional facilities in accordance with the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty and its related arrangements. The two governments will enhance cooperation in joint/shared use of facilities and areas.

v. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Protection

The Government of Japan will maintain primary responsibility for emergency responses to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) incidents or attacks in Japan. The United States retains primary responsibility for maintaining and restoring the mission capability of the United States Armed Forces in Japan. At Japan's request, the United States will support Japan in CBRN incident or attack prevention and response-related activities in an effort to ensure the protection of Japan, as appropriate.

D. Actions in Response to an Armed Attack against a Country other than Japan

When Japan and the United States each decides to take actions involving the use of force in accordance with international law, including full respect for sovereignty, and with their respective Constitutions and laws to respond to an armed attack against the United States or a third country, and Japan has not come under armed attack, they will cooperate closely to respond to the armed attack and to deter further attacks. Bilateral responses will be coordinated through the whole-of-government Alliance Coordination Mechanism.

Japan and the United States will cooperate as appropriate with other countries taking action in response to the armed attack.

The Self-Defense Forces will conduct appropriate operations involving the use of force to respond to situations where an armed attack against a foreign country that is in a close relationship with Japan occurs and as a result, threatens Japan's survival and poses a clear danger to overturn fundamentally its people's right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, to ensure Japan's survival, and to protect its people.

Examples of cooperative operations are outlined below:

1. Asset Protection

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate in asset protection, as appropriate.

Such cooperation will include, but not be limited to, protection of assets that are engaged in operations such as Noncombatant Evacuation Operations or Ballistic Missile Defense.

2. Search and Rescue

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, will cooperate and provide support in search and rescue operations, including combat search and rescue, as appropriate.

3. Maritime Operations

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate in minesweeping, as appropriate, including to secure the safety of sea lines of communication.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, will cooperate in escort operations to protect ships and vessels, as appropriate.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, will cooperate in the interdiction of shipping activities providing support to adversaries involved in the armed attack, as appropriate.

4. Operations to Counter Ballistic Missile Attacks

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate in intercepting ballistic missiles, as appropriate, in accordance with their respective capabilities. The two governments will exchange information to ensure early detection of ballistic missile launches.

5. Logistics Support

When operations require supplementing their respective logistics resources, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will provide flexible and timely mutual logistic support, based on their respective capabilities and availability.

The two governments will make appropriate use of the authorities and assets of central and local government agencies, as well as private sector assets, to provide support.

E. Cooperation in Response to a Large-scale Disaster in Japan

When a large-scale disaster takes place in Japan, Japan will have primary responsibility for responding to the disaster. The Self-Defense Forces, in cooperation with relevant agencies, local governments, and private actors, will conduct disaster relief operations. Recognizing that immediate recovery from a large-scale disaster in Japan is essential for Japan's peace and security and that such a disaster could affect the activities of the United States Armed Forces in Japan, the United States, in accordance with its own criteria, will provide appropriate support for Japan's activities. Such support may include search and rescue, transportation, supply, medical services, incident awareness and assessment, and other specialized capabilities. The two governments will coordinate activities through the Alliance Coordination Mechanism, as appropriate.

To improve the effectiveness of the United States Armed Forces' cooperation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief activities in Japan, the two governments will work together closely, including through information sharing. In addition, the United States Armed Forces also may participate in disaster-related drills, which will increase mutual understanding in responding to large-scale disasters.

## V. Cooperation for Regional and Global Peace and Security

In an increasingly interconnected world, Japan and the United States will take a leading role in cooperation with partners to provide a foundation for peace, security, stability, and economic prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. For well over half a century, both countries have worked together to deliver effective solutions to challenges in diverse regions of the world.

When each of the two governments decides to participate in international activities for the peace and security of the region and beyond, the two governments, including the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces, will cooperate closely with each other and with partners, as appropriate, such as in the activities described below. This cooperation also will contribute to the peace and security of both countries.

### A. Cooperation in International Activities

The two governments will participate in international activities, based on their own judgment. When working together, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate to the maximum extent practicable.

The two governments may coordinate the activities through the Alliance Coordination Mechanism, as appropriate, and also will pursue trilateral and multilateral cooperation in these activities. The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will share procedures and best practices, as appropriate, for smooth and effective cooperation. While the two governments will continue to cooperate on a broad array of issues that may not be explicitly included in the Guidelines, common areas for cooperation by the two governments in regional and international activities will include:

#### 1. Peacekeeping Operations

When the two governments participate in peacekeeping operations authorized by the United Nations (UN) in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the two governments will cooperate closely, as appropriate, to maximize interoperability between the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces. The two governments also may cooperate in providing logistic support for and protecting UN and other personnel who participate in the same mission, as appropriate.

#### 2. International Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief

When the two governments conduct international humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) operations in response to requests from governments concerned or international organizations in the wake of large-scale humanitarian and natural disasters, the two governments will cooperate closely to provide mutual support, as appropriate, maximizing interoperability between participating Self-Defense Forces and United States Armed Forces. Examples of cooperative activities may include mutual logistic support and operational coordination, planning, and execution.

#### 3. Maritime Security

When the two governments conduct activities for maritime security, the two governments will cooperate closely, as appropriate. Examples of cooperative activities may include efforts for: safe and secure sea lines of communication such as counter-piracy and minesweeping; non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and counterterrorism activities.

#### 4. Partner Capacity Building

Proactive cooperation with partners will contribute to maintaining and enhancing regional and international peace and security. The two governments will cooperate in capacity building activities, as appropriate, by making the best use of their capabilities and experience, with the objective of strengthening the capability of partners to respond to dynamic security challenges. Examples of cooperative activities may include maritime security, military medicine, defense institution building, and improved force readiness for HA/DR or peacekeeping operations.

#### 5. Noncombatant Evacuation Operations

In circumstances when international action is required for the evacuation of noncombatants, the two governments will utilize, as appropriate, all possible avenues including diplomatic efforts to ensure the safety of noncombatants, including those who are Japanese or U.S. nationals.

#### 6. Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

When the two governments participate in international activities, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate in ISR activities, as appropriate, based on the respective capabilities and availability of their assets.

#### 7. Training and Exercises

In order to enhance the effectiveness of international activities, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will conduct and participate in joint training and exercises, as appropriate, to strengthen interoperability, sustainability, and readiness. The two governments also will continue to pursue opportunities to work with partners in training and exercises to contribute to enhancing interoperability with the Alliance and the development of common tactics, techniques, and procedures.

#### 8. Logistic support

When participating in international activities, the two governments will cooperate to provide mutual logistic support. The Government of Japan will provide logistic support where appropriate, subject to Japanese laws and regulations.

### B. Trilateral and Multilateral Cooperation

The two governments will promote and improve trilateral and multilateral security and defense cooperation. In particular, the two governments will reinforce efforts and seek additional opportunities to cooperate with regional and other partners, as well as international organizations.

The two governments also will work together to strengthen regional and international institutions with a view to promoting cooperation based upon international law and standards.

## VI. Space and Cyberspace Cooperation

### A. Cooperation on Space

Recognizing the security aspects of the space domain, the two governments will maintain and strengthen their partnership to secure the responsible, peaceful, and safe use of space.

As part of such efforts, the two governments will ensure the resiliency of their space systems and enhance space situational awareness cooperation. The two governments will provide mutual support, as appropriate, to establish and improve capabilities and will share information about actions and events that might affect the safety and stability of

the space domain and impede its use. The two governments also will share information to address emerging threats against space systems and will pursue opportunities for cooperation in maritime domain awareness and in space-related equipment and technology that will strengthen capabilities and resiliency of the space systems, including hosted payloads.

To accomplish their missions effectively and efficiently, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will continue to cooperate and to contribute to whole-of-government efforts in utilizing space in such areas as: early-warning; ISR; positioning, navigation, and timing; space situational awareness; meteorological observation; command, control, and communications; and ensuring the resiliency of relevant space systems that are critical for mission assurance. In cases where their space systems are threatened, the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will cooperate, as appropriate, in mitigating risk and preventing damage. If damage occurs, they will cooperate, as appropriate, in reconstituting relevant capabilities.

#### B. Cooperation on Cyberspace

To help ensure the safe and stable use of cyberspace, the two governments will share information on threats and vulnerabilities in cyberspace in a timely and routine manner, as appropriate. The two governments also will share, as appropriate, information on the development of various capabilities in cyberspace, including the exchange of best practices on training and education. The two governments will cooperate to protect critical infrastructure and the services upon which the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces depend to accomplish their missions, including through information sharing with the private sector, as appropriate.

The Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces will:

- maintain a posture to monitor their respective networks and systems;
- share expertise and conduct educational exchanges in cybersecurity;
- ensure resiliency of their respective networks and systems to achieve mission assurance;
- contribute to whole-of-government efforts to improve cybersecurity; and
- conduct bilateral exercises to ensure effective cooperation for cybersecurity in all situations from peacetime to contingencies.

In the event of cyber incidents against Japan, including those against critical infrastructure and services utilized by the Self-Defense Forces and the United States Armed Forces in Japan, Japan will have primary responsibility to respond, and based on close bilateral coordination, the United States will provide appropriate support to Japan. The two governments also will share relevant information expeditiously and appropriately. In the event of serious cyber incidents that affect the security of Japan, including those that take place when Japan is under an armed attack, the two governments will consult closely and take appropriate cooperative actions to respond.

### VII. Bilateral Enterprise

The two governments will develop and enhance the following areas as a foundation of security and defense cooperation, in order to improve further the effectiveness of bilateral cooperation:

#### A. Defense Equipment and Technology Cooperation

In order to enhance interoperability and to promote efficient acquisition and maintenance, the two governments will:

- cooperate in joint research, development, production, and test and evaluation of equipment and in mutual provision of components of common equipment and services;
- strengthen the basis to repair and maintain common equipment for mutual efficiency and readiness;
- facilitate reciprocal defense procurement to enhance efficient acquisition, interoperability, and defense equipment and technology cooperation; and
- explore opportunities for cooperation with partners on defense equipment and technology.

#### B. Intelligence Cooperation and Information Security

- Recognizing that common situational awareness is essential, the two governments will enhance intelligence cooperation and information sharing at all levels, including the national strategic level.
- In order to enable robust intelligence cooperation and information sharing, the two governments will continue to promote cooperation in strengthening policies, practices, and procedures related to the protection of classified information.
- The two governments also will explore opportunities for cooperation with partners on information sharing.

#### C. Educational and Research Exchanges

Recognizing the importance of intellectual cooperation concerning security and defense, the two governments will deepen exchanges of members of relevant organizations and strengthen communication between each side's research and educational institutions. Such efforts will serve as the enduring foundation for security and defense officials to share their knowledge and reinforce cooperation.

### VIII. Processes for Review

The SCC, assisted by an appropriate subordinate body, will regularly evaluate whether the Guidelines remain adequate in light of the evolving circumstances. The two governments will update the Guidelines in a timely and appropriate manner when changes in situations relevant to the Japan-U.S. Alliance relationship occur and if deemed necessary in view of the circumstances at that time.

**Reference 17 Japan-U.S. (Minister-Level) Consultations (Since 2018)**

	Outline and Results
<p>Apr. 20, 2018 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Onodera Secretary of Defense Mattis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers closely compared and adjusted the defense agencies' understandings and policy on the way ahead including the meeting between leaders of United States and North Korea, regarding the issue of North Korea.</li> <li>• Agreed on the need to keep a close watch on North Korea, given no concrete initiatives by North Korea to give up its nuclear development has been confirmed, despite the changes in the regime's posture such as requesting for talks.</li> <li>• The Japanese side spoke about the necessity to put maximum pressure on North Korea in order to make it abolish its nuclear and missile development, and affirmed that the two governments will maintain pressure and sanctions on North Korea with the goal of having North Korea relinquish all weapons of mass destruction and all ballistic missile plans in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner.</li> <li>• The U.S. side commended efforts by the MSDF to address the issue of illegal ship-to-ship transfers by North Korean vessels, and showed its commitment to continue these efforts with Japan and other partner nations.</li> <li>• Affirmed the importance of cooperation among Japan, the U.S., and the Republic of Korea and other nations through trilateral/multilateral training and exercise.</li> <li>• Agreed on the importance of continuing close information-sharing to ensure the Alliance's response capabilities to any situation.</li> <li>• Welcomed progress in cooperation between Japan and the U.S. under Japan's Legislation for Peace and Security and the Guidelines such as the SDF protecting and providing supplies and services to the U.S. Forces, and reaffirmed the further promotion of Japan-U.S. defense cooperation through the steady enforcement of the Legislation and the Guidelines for U.S.-Japan Defense Cooperation.</li> <li>• The Japanese side talked about moving forward on the review of the National Defense Program Guidelines towards the end of FY2018 and the study of setting forth a next Mid-Term Defense Program, and reaffirmed on sharing information between the ministers.</li> <li>• The Japanese side spoke about the need to introduce high-performance equipment including those used by the U.S. military to bolster Japan's defense capabilities amid an increasingly severe security environment. The two ministers affirmed to work together to make it possible for Japan to smoothly and swiftly acquire equipment made in the U.S. including the Aegis Ashore by addressing the issues regarding FMS.</li> <li>• The Japanese side requested the securing of safe operations by the U.S. Forces, including the CV-22 to be deployed to Yokota Air Base and U.S. Forces aircraft in Okinawa, and the U.S. side acknowledged the importance of ensuring flight safety.</li> <li>• The Japanese side requested U.S. cooperation for the mitigation of the impact on the local community of Okinawa and other places, and concurred that the U.S. will continue to cooperate with Japan on efforts to gain the understanding of the local community.</li> </ul>
<p>May 29, 2018 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Hawaii</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Onodera Secretary of Defense Mattis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers, taking into account the recent situations regarding the issue of North Korea, closely compared and adjusted the defense agencies' understandings and policy on future response against North Korea issues.</li> <li>• The Japanese side expressed its view that the meeting between the leaders of U.S. and North Korea should be an opportunity to advance outstanding issues of concern such as nuclear, missile and abductions issues. The Ministers confirmed that they will continue exerting pressure and sanctions, under the common principle of realizing abandonment of all weapons of mass destruction including chemical and biological weapons and ballistic missiles of all ranges in complete, verifiable and irreversible way.</li> <li>• In light of illegal ship-to-ship transfers of goods, the Ministers welcomed measures implemented by Japan in coordination with partner countries including United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and agreed that they will continue to take actions with the voluntary countries, and reaffirmed the importance of the deterrent capability of regional U.S. Forces including U.S. Forces Korea.</li> <li>• The U.S. side expressed renewed commitment to Japanese defense. The Ministers agreed that they will continue to maintain close communication to take concerted action as an alliance in response to any situations.</li> <li>• The Ministers exchanged opinions on regional challenges, and in light of China's unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force in the East and South China Seas, agreed that it is important for both countries to continue to closely watch on the situations in the East China Sea, to cooperate for the peace and stability, and to be continuously engaged in the South China Sea.</li> <li>• The Ministers noted that China has enforced its military capability and intensified its activities in the sea and airspace surrounding Japan, and also agreed to reinforce the Alliance capability to deter and respond through enhancement of defense capability based on the close cooperation of Japan and U.S. for the peace and stability of the region.</li> <li>• The Ministers reconfirmed the importance of cooperating with the allied countries and various partners to assure the Free and Open Indo-Pacific, and agreed that Japan and U.S. or Japan, U.S., and Australia proceed with coordination in the promotion of the basic principles such as rule of law, freedom of navigation, and in capacity building.</li> <li>• The Japanese side requested efforts to ensure safe operations of U.S. Forces and cooperation in efforts to obtain consent from local communities including those in Okinawa.</li> </ul>
<p>Jun. 29, 2018 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Tokyo</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Onodera Secretary of Defense Mattis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers, taking into account the recent situations regarding the issue of North Korea, closely compared and adjusted the defense agencies' understandings and policy on future response against North Korea issues.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed that, complying with the UNSCRs, they will work together to realize CVID of all of its WMD including biological and chemical weapons and ballistic missiles of all ranges in coordination with the international community, and confirmed that Japan and U.S. continue to counter illegal ship-to-ship transfers of goods by North Korea in coordination with their partner countries.</li> <li>• The U.S. side explained the suspension of U.S.-ROK combined military exercises, and the Ministers reaffirmed that neither withdrawal nor reduction of the USFK has been considered, and reconfirmed the importance of the deterrent capability of regional U.S. Forces including U.S. Forces Korea.</li> <li>• The U.S. side expressed renewed U.S. commitments to defend Japan, and the Ministers agreed to proceed with the reinforcement of the alliance's deterrence and response capability including conducting Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises steadily, as planned.</li> <li>• The Ministers exchanged their views based on the U.S. Secretary of Defense's visit to China, and agreed that they will continue to maintain a close channel of communication to take concerted actions as an alliance in response to every situation.</li> <li>• The Ministers reconfirmed that Article 5 of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty applies to the Senkaku Islands, and that they would oppose any unilateral actions which attempt to undermine Japan's administration of the islands, and agreed to continue to closely watch on the situations in the East China Sea, and to cooperate with each other for the peace and stability.</li> <li>• The Ministers also confirmed the importance to collaborate towards consolidating basic principles such as rule of law and freedom of navigation.</li> <li>• The Ministers welcomed the progress and improvements being made in challenges regarding Foreign Military Sales (FMS), and the Ministers also confirmed the U.S. will continue to work to help Japan achieve efficient procurement.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed to closely work towards the steady implementation of the realignment of U.S. Forces in Japan, and the Japanese side requested cooperation to ensure the safe operations of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>



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<p>Oct. 19, 2018 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Singapore</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Iwaya Secretary of Defense Mattis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers shared the understandings about the importance of the free and open Indo-Pacific, and confirmed the significance of cooperation between Japan and the United States and with various partners.</li> <li>• The Ministers welcomed the development of the regional multilateral security cooperation and dialogue under the framework of the ADMM-Plus, and agreed to strengthen the cooperation with partner countries in maintaining basic international principles such as rule of law, freedom of navigation and in implementing measures for peace and stability such as capacity building assistance.</li> <li>• The Ministers, taking into account that China continues unilateral attempts to change the status-quo by coercion in the East and South China Seas, confirmed that the two countries work together for the peace and stability of the East China Sea, and it is important for both countries to be engaged in the South China Sea.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed they continue to support full implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions for a complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all North Korea's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and ballistic missiles of all ranges.</li> <li>• As part of efforts to ensure the effectiveness of the UN Security Council resolutions, the Ministers additionally confirmed the importance of working with partner countries to counter illicit ship-to-ship transfers of goods by North Korea, and welcomed the monitoring and surveillance activities taking place since September with the participation of Australia, New Zealand and Canada, and agreed that the two countries conduct the operation in cooperation with like-minded countries.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that U.S. Forces in ROK is a stabilizing force in the region, and that no change in U.S. Forces in ROK has been considered.</li> <li>• The Ministers also agreed to work together to reinforce the deterrence and response capability including conducting Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises steadily as planned.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed to work together to improve efficiency regarding Foreign Military Sales (FMS) in Japan's buying U.S.-made defense assets.</li> <li>• The Japanese side explained the current status of the revision of the National Defense Program Guidelines and the formulation of the Mid-Term Defense Program for the next term, and the Ministers concurred to continue to closely exchange information.</li> <li>• The Ministers reconfirmed that the relocation of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma to Henoko-saki is the only solution to avoid its continued use.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed to work together closely for the steady implementation of the U.S. forces realignment initiatives.</li> <li>• The Japanese side requested for cooperation with efforts to secure the understanding from the local communities, and to ensure the safe operations of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>
<p>Jan. 16, 2019 Meeting with the U.S. Acting Secretary of Defense / Washington, D.C. Participants: Minister of Defense Iwaya Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The U.S. side supported the National Defense Program Guidelines for FY 2019 and beyond (NDPG) and the Medium Term Defense Program (FY2019-FY2023; MTDP), and welcomed that Japan expressed its strong resolve to enhance its defense architecture and to play a larger role in accordance with the NDPG and the MTDP.</li> <li>• In regards to the current security environment, both sides shared views that competition among states is becoming more apparent. They also agreed that gaining technological superiority in new domains such as space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum is increasingly important.</li> <li>• Both sides also confirmed that they will closely coordinate in their efforts to be made pursuant to Japan's NDPG and MTDP, and the United States' National Defense Strategy (NDS) respectively, as well as to even strengthen the alliance capability to deter and respond following the Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation. With the vision of free and open Indo-Pacific in mind, they agreed to work together to shape a desirable security environment with Japan-U.S. alliance being the cornerstone of cooperation with other nations.</li> <li>• Both sides confirmed to strengthen and expand cooperation in wide range of fields including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Promote Japan-U.S. cooperation in the "new domains," including space, cyberspace and electromagnetic spectrum. The United States welcomed Japan's first participation in the Schriever Wargame.</li> <li>○ Closely coordinate in bilateral exercises and capacity building assistance, taking into account increasing both nations' presence in the Indo-Pacific.</li> <li>○ Welcome and even make progress in the two countries' cooperation in the operational field following Japan's Legislation for Peace and Security and the Guidelines (e.g. U.S. Forces asset protection mission conducted by the SDF, provision of supplies and services).</li> <li>○ Make continued effort in streamlining FMS process, while welcoming the recent progress and improvements in issues related to FMS. Cooperate in ensuring cost transparency, improving late case closure, strengthening activities to realize and promote multi-year procurement.</li> <li>○ Continue cooperation to realize Japan's smooth and prompt introduction, including cost management of U.S.-made advanced defense equipment such as Aegis Ashore, E-2D and F-35.</li> <li>○ Enhance cooperation in defense equipment and technology as well as promoting Japan-U.S. joint development and researches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Both sides confirmed they continue to support full implementation of the UNSC resolutions for a complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all North Korea's WMDs and ballistic missiles of all ranges.</li> <li>• Both sides agreed that Japan and the United States will continue working together with partner countries to counter North Korea's illicit "ship-to-ship" transfers.</li> <li>• Both sides confirmed that deterrence through Japan-U.S. Alliance and U.S.-ROK Alliance is essential in maintaining the security of the region, and agreed that both countries will steadily implement Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises.</li> <li>• In regards to the East and South China Seas, both sides affirmed their position that they oppose unilateral attempts to change the status-quo by coercion, and that it is important to work together to make sure that Rule of Law and Freedom of Navigation are firmly established.</li> <li>• Both sides also reaffirmed that Article 5 of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty applies to the Senkaku Islands, and that they would oppose any unilateral actions which attempt to undermine Japan's administration of the islands. Both sides confirmed that Japan and the United States work together for the peace and stability of the East China Sea.</li> <li>• Both sides affirmed the recent progress in the construction project of Futenma Replacement Facility (FRF), and reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko-saki is the only solution to avoid its continued use. The Japanese side requested for cooperation with efforts to mitigate impact on the local communities including Okinawa. Both sides confirmed to work together closely for the steady implementation of the U.S. forces realignment initiatives and training relocation.</li> <li>• Both sides also affirmed the importance to ensure the safe operations of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>

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<p>Apr. 19, 2019 "2+2" Meeting / Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Iwaya Minister for Foreign Affairs Kono Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan Secretary of State Pompeo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers shared the view that the Japan-U.S. Alliance serves as the cornerstone of peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region, and that Japan and the United States will work together to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that Japan and the United States will jointly increase their presence in the region, while collaborating with partners in the region through bilateral/multilateral exercises, port calls, and other activities.</li> <li>• The Ministers welcomed the alignment of the strategic policy documents of both countries, including Japan's NDPG. The Ministers shared the view that the two countries will strengthen cooperation for cross-domain operations, including capability enhancement in new domains, such as space, cyberspace, and the electromagnetic spectrum.</li> <li>• The Ministers shared the view that they will seek to achieve North Korea's abandonment of all of its weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions. In addition, the Ministers confirmed that Japan and the United States will continue to work together in cooperation with other partner countries in fully implementing UN Security Council resolutions, including combatting illicit ship-to-ship transfers.</li> <li>• The Ministers also reaffirmed that U.S. force stance in the region would remain robust, and shared the view on deepening consultation on ensuring deterrence and security in the region. The Ministers also shared the view that they will continue to engage in close cooperation between Japan and the United States as well as among Japan, the United States, and the ROK.</li> <li>• The Ministers shared the view on calling upon North Korea to resolve the Japanese abductions issue immediately.</li> <li>• Regarding the security environment in the Indo-Pacific region, the Ministers expressed serious concern about, and strong opposition to, unilateral coercive attempts to alter the status quo in the East China Sea (ECS) and South China Sea (SCS).</li> <li>• The Ministers reaffirmed their determination to work together to safeguard the peace and stability of the ECS, and reconfirmed that Article V of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty applies to the Senkaku Islands and that both nations oppose any unilateral action that seeks to undermine Japan's administration of these islands.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that they will deepen cooperation on space capabilities, and shared the view on promoting cooperation for enhancing space situational awareness (SSA) capabilities through Japan's development of a Deep Space Radar and hosting of U.S.-provided SSA payloads on Japan's Quasi Zenith Satellite System.</li> <li>• The Ministers shared the view on enhancing cooperation on cyber issues. They affirmed that international law applies in cyberspace and that a cyber attack could, in certain circumstances, constitute an armed attack for the purposes of Article V of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that it is important to develop defense capabilities efficiently and effectively in order to enhance the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance. The Ministers shared the view that the two countries will cooperate to introduce advanced weapon systems to Japan and to further streamline the FMS process.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed the importance of information security, and shared the view on the need for greater supply chain security, noting threats to the defense industrial base, national networks, and critical infrastructure required for mission assurance.</li> <li>• In order to improve Japan-U.S. Alliance readiness, the Ministers shared the view on further deepening operational cooperation, such as mutual asset protection, logistical support, and joint ISR operations.</li> <li>• The Ministers shared the view that they will steadily implement the realignment of the USFJ, from the perspective of mitigating the impact on local communities, including Okinawa, while maintaining the deterrence of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.</li> <li>• The Ministers welcomed the significant progress on the construction of the FRF and reaffirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids its continued use.</li> <li>• Foreign Minister Kono conveyed to the U.S. side that it is important to mitigate the impact on the local people, including making progress, one by one, on the issues surrounding the operation of U.S. forces and the SOFA, while steadily implementing the realignment of U.S. forces.</li> <li>• Defense Minister Iwaya requested the U.S. side to minimize the impact of the operation of U.S. forces on local communities, including noise of transient aircraft.</li> <li>• The two ministers also requested the U.S. side to prevent incidents and accidents.</li> </ul>
<p>Apr. 19, 2019 Meeting with Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense / Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Iwaya Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense Shanahan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers welcomed the successful holding of the Japan-U.S. "2+2" meeting and affirmed that the defense authorities of Japan and the United States will continue to closely cooperate with each other to strengthen the Japan-U.S. Alliance.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed the importance of continuing to ensure full implementation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions toward complete, verifiable, and irreversible abandonment of all weapons of mass destruction and all ranges of ballistic missiles by North Korea.</li> <li>• The Ministers also agreed that Japan and the United States will continue to cooperate with like-minded countries in combatting illicit ship-to-ship transfers by North Korea.</li> <li>• They affirmed the importance of deterrence based on the Japan-U.S. Alliance and the U.S.-ROK Alliance and agreed to steadily conduct Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed to promote Japan-U.S. cooperation for cross-domain operations and affirmed that the two countries will further promote cooperation in space, cyberspace and the electromagnetic spectrum.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed that Japan and the United States will further streamline the FMS process and agreed to strengthen defense equipment and technology cooperation by promoting Japan-U.S. joint research and development.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed that Japan and the United States will cooperate closely to make steady progress in implementing the plan for the realignment of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>
<p>Jun. 4, 2019 Meeting between Minister of Defense Iwaya and Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense Shanahan / Tokyo</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Iwaya Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense Shanahan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two ministers affirmed that they will closely cooperate with each other in line with the policy confirmed at the Japan-U.S. "2+2" Meeting.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed the need to deepen Japan-U.S. cooperation with a sense of urgency with respect to new domains, such as space, cyberspace and the electromagnetic spectrum. They affirmed that they will promote Japan-U.S. cooperation for cross-domain operations.</li> <li>• Defense Minister Iwaya welcomed the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report by the United States. Both sides agreed to strengthen cooperation with the United States to maintain and strengthen a Free and Open Indo-Pacific as indicated in the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report. The Ministers affirmed the importance of cooperating with diverse partners.</li> <li>• The Ministers discussed the regional situation and other matters in light of the discussions held at the recent Shangri-La Dialogue.</li> <li>• Regarding North Korea, they affirmed the importance of continuing to ensure full implementation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions toward the abandonment of all weapons of mass destruction and all ranges of ballistic missiles by North Korea in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner, and they also confirmed that Japan-U.S. and Japan-U.S.-ROK cooperation will be maintained.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed that Japan and the United States will continue close cooperation to make steady progress in implementing the plan for the realignment of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>
<p>Aug. 7, 2019 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Tokyo</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Iwaya U.S. Secretary of Defense Esper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers confirmed the importance of full implementation of the UN Security Council resolutions for a complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all North Korea's WMD and ballistic missiles of all ranges.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed that Japan and the United States will continue working together with partner countries to counter illicit ship-to-ship transfers of goods by North Korea.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed the importance of the deterrent capability of regional U.S. Forces including U.S. Forces Korea.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed their position that they oppose unilateral attempts to change the status-quo by coercion in the East and South China Seas, and that it is important to work together to make sure that the rule of law and the freedom of navigation are firmly established.</li> <li>• The Ministers reconfirmed that Article 5 of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty applies to the Senkaku Islands, and that they would oppose any unilateral actions which attempt to undermine Japan's administration of the islands, and agreed to cooperate with each other for the peace and stability in the East China Sea.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that they will closely coordinate in their efforts to be made based on the strategy documents of both countries and to even strengthen the alliance capability to deter and respond.</li> <li>• They confirmed the significance of cooperation with various partners, including conducting bilateral/multilateral exercises and capacity building assistance to maintain and strengthen a Free and Open Indo-Pacific with Japan-U.S. Alliance being the cornerstone.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed to make continued effort in streamlining FMS process.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that the relocation to Henoko-saki is the only solution to avoid the continued use of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma.</li> <li>• The Japanese side requested for cooperation in the Government of Japan's efforts to mitigate the impact on the local communities including Okinawa. The Ministers confirmed to work closely together for the steady implementation of the U.S. forces realignment initiatives.</li> <li>• The Japanese side also requested the U.S. Forces to minimize its operational impact on the local communities and the Ministers affirmed the importance to ensure the safe operations of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>

	Outline and Results
<p>Nov. 18, 2019 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Thailand</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Kono U.S. Secretary of Defense Esper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that the recent series of ballistic missile launches by North Korea are a serious threat to regional security.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed the importance of full implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions for a complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all North Korea's WMDs and ballistic missiles of all ranges.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed their position that they oppose unilateral attempts to change the status-quo by coercion in the East and South China Seas, and that it is important to work together to make sure that the rule of law and freedom of navigation are firmly established.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that they continue to closely work together to further strengthen the alliance capability to deter and respond, including promotion of bilateral cooperation in new domains, in order to materialize aligned strategies of both countries.</li> <li>• The Ministers reaffirmed the significance of cooperation with various partners including conducting bilateral/multilateral exercises and capacity building to maintain and strengthen a Free and Open Indo-Pacific with the Japan-U.S. Alliance being the cornerstone.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed to make continued effort in streamlining FMS process.</li> <li>• The Ministers reaffirmed that it is important to sustain the operational readiness of the U.S. Forces in Japan, and Japan and the U.S. continue to work together with the shared recognition that understanding and cooperation from local communities is crucial for maintenance of the operational readiness.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that the relocation to Henoko-saki is the only solution to avoid the continued use of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma.</li> <li>• The Japanese side requested for cooperation in the Government of Japan's efforts to mitigate the impact on the local communities including Okinawa. The Ministers confirmed to work closely together for the steady implementation of the U.S. forces realignment initiatives.</li> <li>• The Japanese side also requested the U.S. Forces to minimize its operational impact on the local communities and the Ministers affirmed the importance to ensure the safe operations of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>
<p>Jan. 14, 2020 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Kono U.S. Secretary of Defense Esper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers discussed the situation in the Middle East.</li> <li>• The Japanese side expressed its deep concern about the rising tensions in the Middle East. The Ministers confirmed that we have to avoid further escalation of the situation in the Middle East.</li> <li>• The Japanese side explained the cabinet decision to send the SDF to the Middle East.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that repeated ballistic missile launches by North Korea are a serious challenge not only to Japan but also to the international community.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed the importance of full implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions for a complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all North Korea's WMD and ballistic missiles of all ranges.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed that Japan and the United States will continue working together with partner countries to counter illicit "ship-to-ship" transfers of goods by North Korea.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed their position that they oppose unilateral attempts to change the status-quo by coercion in the East and South China Seas, and that it is important to work together to make sure that the rule of law and the freedom of navigation are firmly established.</li> <li>• The Ministers welcomed that the Japan-U.S. Alliance has become stronger than ever before particularly when we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that they continue to closely work together to even strengthen the alliance capability to deter and respond in order to materialize the aligned strategies of both countries.</li> <li>• The Ministers reaffirmed the significance of cooperation with various partners, including conducting bilateral/multilateral exercises and capacity building to maintain and strengthen a free and open Indo-Pacific with the Japan-U.S. Alliance being the cornerstone.</li> <li>• The Japanese side requested for cooperation in the Government of Japan's efforts to mitigate the impact on the local communities including Okinawa.</li> <li>• The Ministers discussed the bilateral cooperation in addressing the issue of PFOS and confirmed to advance comprehensive studies.</li> <li>• The Ministers reaffirmed that it is important to sustain the operational readiness of the U.S. Forces in Japan, and that Japan and the United States continue to work together with the shared recognition that understanding and cooperation from the local communities is crucial for the maintenance of the operational readiness.</li> <li>• Both sides also affirmed the importance to ensure the safe operations of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul>
<p>August 29, 2020 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Guam</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Kono U.S. Secretary of Defense Esper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers affirmed their opposition to power-based unilateral attempts to change the status-quo and importance of cooperation on establishing the rule of law and freedom of navigation in the East China Sea and South China Sea.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed to closer cooperation to ensure the peace and stability of the East China Sea, and reaffirmed that Article 5 of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty applies to the Senkaku Islands and that both countries oppose any unilateral actions that would undermine Japan's administration of the islands.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that it is importance to strengthen cooperation with diverse partners through activities such as joint trainings and capacity building assistance, with Japan and the United States serving as the cornerstones, in order to maintain and strengthen a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.</li> <li>• In addition to exchanging views on the latest situation regarding North Korea, the Ministers confirmed that the repeated launches of ballistic missiles by North Korea are a violation of the UN Security Council resolution and are a serious challenge not only to Japan but also to the international community.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed the importance of full implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions for a complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of all North Korea's WMD and ballistic missile programs of all ranges.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed that Japan and the United States will continue to work together with interested countries to address the issue of ship-to-ship transfers of goods by North Korea.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed that Japan and the United States will play an even greater role in peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region based on a strong Japan-U.S. alliance with an eye toward a post-COVID-19 world.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that they continue to closely work together to even strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance to materialize aligned strategies of both countries.</li> <li>• As a part of the above, the Ministers agreed on the importance of strengthening comprehensive ballistic missile defense capabilities and ISR capabilities based on stimulated military activities and military technology advances in surrounding countries.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed the progress on the relocation project in Guam and welcomed its steady progress.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution to avoid continued use of the Air Station.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that Japan and the United States will work closely together in order to prevent the spread and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed the importance of maintaining the responsiveness of U.S. Forces in Japan and agreed that for such maintenance, Japan and the United States will continue to work together under the recognition that local understanding and cooperation are indispensable.</li> </ul>

Outline and Results	
<p>March 16, 2021 "2+2" Meeting / Tokyo</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Kishi Minister for Foreign Affairs Motegi U.S. Secretary of Defense Austin U.S. Secretary of State Blinken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers reaffirmed that the Japan-U.S. Alliance remains the cornerstone of peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region, and renewed the unwavering commitment of both countries to the Japan-U.S. Alliance. Amid growing geopolitical competition and challenges such as COVID-19, climate change, and revitalizing democracy, the Ministers concurred to promote a Free and Open Indo-Pacific and a rules-based international order.</li> <li>• In light of the severe security environment, the Ministers concurred to further deepen coordination to strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance. Japan expressed its resolve to enhance its capabilities to bolster national defense and the Alliance. The U.S. underscored its unwavering commitment to the defense of Japan through the full range of its capabilities, including nuclear.</li> <li>• In light of the "2+2" discussion and joint statement, the Ministers instructed their respective offices to advance concrete works to strengthen the Alliance. They concurred to hold another SCC later this year to confirm their outcomes.</li> <li>• The Ministers acknowledged that China's behavior, where inconsistent with the existing international order, presents political, economic, military, and technological challenges to the Alliance and to the international community. They also committed to opposing coercion and destabilizing behavior toward others in the region, which undermines the rules-based international system.</li> <li>• The Ministers opposed any unilateral action that seeks to change the status quo, including in the East China Sea and the South China Sea, and expressed serious concerns about China Coast Guard law. The Japanese side expressed its resolve to defend its territory with every means. The Ministers reaffirmed that Article V of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty applies to the Senkaku Islands and affirmed that both nations oppose any unilateral action that seeks to undermine Japan's administration of these islands.</li> <li>• The Ministers reiterated their objections to China's unlawful maritime claims and activities in the South China Sea.</li> <li>• The Ministers underscored the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. The Ministers also shared serious concerns regarding the human rights situation in Hong Kong and the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed the importance of the full implementation of UN Security Council resolutions towards the complete denuclearization of North Korea, and concurred to continue the cooperation between Japan and the U.S., as well as among Japan, the U.S. and the Republic of Korea. They also confirmed the necessity of the immediate resolution of the abductions issue.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed their cooperation among Japan, the U.S., Australia and India. They also pledged to work with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), affirming their strong support for its centrality and unity, as well as for the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.</li> <li>• Recognizing the increasingly serious regional security environment, the Ministers concurred to further deepen coordination to strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of Japan-U.S. Alliance by consulting on Alliance roles, missions, and capabilities.</li> <li>• The Ministers concurred to closely align the strategies and policies of the two countries, as the U.S. undertakes various policy reviews.</li> <li>• The Ministers concurred to deepen defense cooperation across all domains and to bolster extended deterrence. They also highlighted the importance of cooperation in domains such as space and cyber, as well as further strengthening information security.</li> <li>• The Ministers reiterated that realistic bilateral and multilateral exercises and training are necessary to maintain the Alliance's operational readiness and deterrent posture, as well as to meet future challenges.</li> <li>• The Ministers shared the view that they will steadily implement the realignment of U.S. forces in Japan, from the perspective of mitigating the impact on local communities including Okinawa, while maintaining the deterrence of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.</li> <li>• The four ministers welcomed progress on force realignment efforts and reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the current arrangements in ways that maintain operational readiness and a sustainable presence, while mitigating the impact on local communities.</li> <li>• The Ministers reconfirmed that the plan to construct the Futenma Replacement Facility at the Camp Schwab-Henokosaki area and in adjacent waters is the only solution that avoids the continued use of MCAS Futenma, and committed to completing construction as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Regarding Host Nation Support, having agreed to a one-year extension amendment to the current Special Measures Agreement, the Ministers instructed their negotiators to work toward a new mutually beneficial multi-year agreement.</li> <li>• The Japanese side stressed the importance of steadily implementing the realignment of U.S. forces in Japan, and requested the U.S. side for safe operations of the U.S. forces with utmost consideration to the impact on local communities as well as appropriate responses to incidents and accidents.</li> <li>• The Japanese side reiterated their appreciation for the assistance provided by the U.S. in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake. In remembrance of the lives lost, the Ministers reaffirmed the spirit of cooperation of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.</li> </ul>
<p>March 16, 2021 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting / Tokyo</p> <p>Participants: Minister of Defense Kishi U.S. Secretary of Defense Austin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that the Japan-U.S. Alliance is more important than ever for the regional peace and stability in the security environment that is rapidly growing severe.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed that Japan and the U.S. will work to maintain and reinforce a Free and Open Indo-Pacific with the Japan-U.S. Alliance being the cornerstone.</li> <li>• The Japanese side expressed the strong resolve to the defense of Japan and stated that Japan will play an active role for the regional peace and stability. The U.S. side welcomed the statement and confirmed the unwavering commitment of the United States to the defense of Japan.</li> <li>• The Ministers concurred that they will work together to further strengthen the Alliance capabilities to deter and respond.</li> <li>• As China's behaviors that do not conform to international order pose challenges to the Alliance and the international community, the Ministers agreed to have consultations going forward on actions to be taken by defense authorities.</li> <li>• The Japanese side stated it is entirely unacceptable that China Coast Guard Law, which includes problematic stipulations in terms of the consistency with the international law, heightens tension in the waters such as the East and South China Seas, and the Ministers expressed their serious concern. The Ministers also shared the recognition on the importance of peace and stability of the Taiwan Strait.</li> <li>• The Ministers reconfirmed the commitment to the complete denuclearization of North Korea and strongly urged North Korea to abide by its obligations under the UN Security Council Resolutions. The Ministers also agreed that Japan and the United States will continue working together with partner countries to counter illicit ship-to-ship transfers of goods by North Korea-related vessels.</li> <li>• The Ministers affirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation with various partners in the region and beyond to maintain and strengthen a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.</li> <li>• The Ministers agreed to work together to deepen cooperation in all domains including space and cyberspace, aligning the respective strategies of both countries through close consultations.</li> <li>• The Ministers concurred on the importance of strengthening the readiness of both Self-Defense Forces and U.S. Forces in Japan through measures such as various high-end training including bilateral training in order to enhance the Alliance capabilities to respond and deter.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that the two countries will closely coordinate with each other regarding the Global Posture Review of the United States.</li> <li>• The Ministers welcomed the realignment initiatives of U.S. Forces in Japan so far including the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko and facility development of Mageshima, and agreed that Japan and the United States will continue to closely work together to steadily advance them.</li> <li>• The Ministers reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution to avoid the continued use of MCAS Futenma and agreed to continuously advance the project.</li> <li>• The Ministers confirmed that it is essential to gain understanding and cooperation from the local communities for the stable stationing of the U.S. Forces in Japan and their daily operations, and affirmed the importance of ensuring safe and environmentally conscious operations of the U.S. forces.</li> </ul>



**Reference 18** **Joint Statement of the U.S.-Japan Security Consultative Committee (2+2)**

**(March 16, 2021)**

**Joint Statement of the U.S.-Japan Security Consultative Committee (2+2)**  
Secretary of State Blinken, Secretary of Defense Austin, Minister for Foreign Affairs Motegi, and Minister of Defense Kishi held the U.S.-Japan Security Consultative Committee in Tokyo, Japan on March 16, 2021. They reaffirmed that the U.S.-Japan Alliance remains the cornerstone of peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. Japan resolved to enhance its capabilities to bolster national defense and further strengthen the Alliance. The United States underscored its unwavering commitment to the defense of Japan through the full range of its capabilities, including nuclear. Amid growing geopolitical competition and challenges such as COVID-19, climate change, and revitalizing democracy, the United States and Japan renewed their commitment to promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific and a rules-based international order.

The United States and Japan acknowledged that China's behavior, where inconsistent with the existing international order, presents political, economic, military, and technological challenges to the Alliance and to the international community. The Ministers committed to opposing coercion and destabilizing behavior toward others in the region, which undermines the rules-based international system. They reaffirmed their support for unimpeded lawful commerce and respect for international law, including freedom of navigation and overflight and other lawful uses of the sea. The Ministers also expressed serious concerns about recent disruptive developments in the region, such as the China Coast Guard law. Further, they discussed the United States' unwavering commitment to the defense of Japan under Article V of our security treaty, which includes the Senkaku Islands. The United States and Japan remain opposed to any unilateral action that seeks to change the status quo or to undermine Japan's administration of these islands. The Ministers underscored the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. They reiterated their objections to China's unlawful maritime claims and activities in the South China Sea and recalled that the July 2016 award of the Philippines-China arbitral tribunal, constituted under the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, is final and legally binding on the parties. The Ministers shared serious concerns regarding the human rights situation in Hong Kong and the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

Recognizing that North Korea's arsenal poses a threat to international peace and stability, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the complete denuclearization of North Korea and urged Pyongyang to abide by its obligations under UN Security Council resolutions. The Ministers also confirmed the necessity of immediate resolution of the abductions issue. Trilateral cooperation among the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea is critical for our shared security, peace, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

The United States and Japan reaffirmed that the strength of the Alliance comes from our shared values and is amplified by our network of close partnerships with like-minded democracies. The March 12 Quad Summit demonstrated to the world our shared vision of a free, open, and inclusive region anchored by universal values and unconstrained by coercive power. The Ministers pledged to work with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), affirming their strong support for its centrality and unity, as well as for the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.

Recognizing the increasingly serious regional security environment, the Ministers recommitted to enhancing close coordination to align security policy, deepen defense cooperation across all domains, and bolster extended deterrence by consulting on Alliance roles, missions, and capabilities. They highlighted the importance of domains such as space and cyber, as well as further strengthening information security. In addition, they reiterated that realistic bilateral and multilateral exercises and training are necessary to maintain the Alliance's operational readiness and deterrent posture, as well as to meet future challenges.

The Ministers acknowledged the importance of close coordination as the Department of Defense conducts its Global Posture Review. They welcomed progress on force realignment efforts and reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the current arrangements in ways that maintain operational readiness and a sustainable presence, while mitigating the impact on local communities. They reconfirmed that the plan to construct the Futenma Replacement Facility at the Camp Schwab-Henokosaki area and in adjacent waters is the only solution that avoids the continued use of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, and committed to completing construction as soon as possible. Regarding Host Nation Support, having agreed to a one-year extension amendment to the current Special Measures Agreement, the Ministers instructed their negotiators to work toward a new mutually beneficial multi-year agreement.

In remembrance of the thousands of lives lost to the Great East Japan Earthquake and its aftermath in March 2011, the Ministers underscored the cooperative spirit of the Alliance and reaffirmed their commitment to working alongside one another to maintain peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

In recognition of the depth and breadth of the U.S.-Japan Alliance, and the need to increase momentum on numerous shared policy priorities, the Ministers called for another Security Consultative Committee meeting later in the year.

**Reference 19 Record of Main Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercises in FY2020**
**Joint Staff**

Exercise Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.S.)
Japan-U.S. bilateral joint exercise (field training exercise) (Keen Sword21/02FTX)	Oct. 26-Nov. 5, 2020	Sea and airspace around Japan, SDF facilities and U.S. Forces Japan facilities, Tanegashima Island and Gajajima Island	[JSDF] Each Staff Office, Defense Intelligence Headquarters, Ground Component Command, respective Regional Armies, Self-Defense Fleet, respective Regional Districts, Air Defense Command, Air Support Command, etc. [U.S. Forces] U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Army Pacific, U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Pacific Air Force, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific, U.S. Forces Japan, etc.	Totaling approximately 37,000 personnel Approximately 20 vessels Approximately 170 aircraft	Totaling approximately 9,000 personnel
Japan-U.S. joint air defense/missile defense exercise	Feb. 22-26, 2021	GSDF Camp Matsudo, Camp Koga, Camp Shimoshizu, Camp Aonogahara, Camp Iizuka, Camp Miyakojima and Vice-Camp Yaese; MSDF Yokosuka District; ASDF Misawa, Hyakuri, Yokota, Iruma, Komatsu and Naha Air Bases	[JSDF] Joint Staff, Ground Component Command, Eastern Army, Middle Army, Western Army, JGSDF Air Defense School, Self-Defense Fleet and Air Defense Command [U.S. Forces] U.S. 7th Fleet HQs, several vessels, etc.	—	—

**Ground Self-Defense Force**

Exercise Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.S.)
Japan-U.S. joint Regional Army command post exercise (Japan) (YS-79)	Dec. 2-15, 2020	Camp Kengun, Camp Asaka, Camp Courtney, etc.	[JSDF] Ground Staff Office, Ground Component Command, Western Army, Training Evaluation Research and Development Command, Joint Staff, MSDF, ASDF, etc. [U.S. Forces] Pacific Command HQs, U.S. Army Japan HQs, I Corps, U.S. Army Pacific, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, etc.	—	—
Field training with U.S. Marines in Japan (Forest Light (Eastern Army))	Dec. 7-18, 2020	Sekiyama Maneuver Area, Soumagahara Maneuver Area, Camp Soumagahara	[JSDF] Major units of 30th Infantry Regiment, 12th Division [U.S. Forces] Major units of 3-8 Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division; VMM-265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Air Wing (MV-22)	—	—
Joint training with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit	Jan. 28-Feb. 6, 2021	Okinawa Prefecture and its surrounding waters	[JSDF] Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, 1st Helicopter Brigade, Western Army Aviation Group [U.S. Forces] U.S. Marine Corps (31st Marine Expeditionary Unit), U.S. Navy (Amphibious Squadron 11)	—	—

**Maritime Self-Defense Force**

Exercise Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.S.)
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Apr. 2, 2020	Andaman Sea	Destroyer JS "Teruzuki"	1 vessel	Littoral combat ship USS "Gabrielle Giffords"
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Jun. 15, 2020	Waters and airspace around south of Kanto	Destroyer JS "Kaga"	1 vessel	UH-60L x 2
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Jun. 23, 2020	South China Sea	Training ship JS "Kashima" and JS "Shimayuki"	2 vessels	Littoral combat ship USS "Gabrielle Giffords"
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Jul. 7, 2020	South China Sea	Training ship JS "Kashima" and JS "Shimayuki"	2 vessels	Aircraft carrier USS "Ronald Reagan" Destroyer USS "Mustin"
Anti-submarine special training	Jul. 15-16, 2020	Waters and airspace around south of Shikoku	1 submarine	1 vessel	Several aircraft

Exercise Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.S.)
Minesweeping special training (Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise)	Jul. 18-30, 2020	Mutsu Bay	Minesweeper tender, minesweeper ocean, minesweeper coastal, aircraft	15 vessels 8 aircraft	2 minesweeper ocean
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Aug. 6, 2020	Waters and airspace around south of Kanto	Destroyer JS "Amagiri"	1 vessel	UH-60L x 2
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Aug. 15-17, 2020	East China Sea	Destroyer JS "Suzutsuki"	1 vessel	Destroyer USS "Mustin"
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Aug. 15-18, 2020	Waters and airspace around south of Okinawa	Destroyer JS "Ikazuchi"	1 vessel	Aircraft carrier USS "Ronald Reagan" and several other vessels
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Aug. 31, 2020	Waters and airspace around south of Kanto	Destroyer JS "Teruzuki"	1 vessel	UH-60L x 2
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Sep. 28-29, 2020	Off the coast of Hawaii	Training ship JS "Kashima"	1 vessel	Destroyer USS "Chung-Hoon"
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Oct. 12, 2020	South China Sea	Destroyer JS "Kaga" and JS "Ikazuchi"	2 vessels	Destroyer USS "John S. McCain" Replenishment oiler USNS "Tippecanoe"
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Oct. 21, 2020	Waters and airspace east of Tsugaru	P-3C x 1	1 aircraft	P-8A x 1
Anti-submarine special training	Nov. 7-9, 2020	Waters and airspace around south of Shikoku	Submarine, aircraft	3 vessels Several aircraft	1 submarine Several aircraft
Minesweeping special training (Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise)	Nov. 18-28, 2020	Hyuga-nada Sea	Minesweeper tender, minesweeper ocean, minesweeper coastal, aircraft	19 vessels 3 aircraft Totaling approximately 1,200 personnel	Minesweeper ocean x 2 Approximately 10 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Jan. 15, 2021	Around Okidaitojima Island	Destroyer JS "Asahi" and JS "Kongo"	2 vessels	Aircraft carrier USS "Theodore Roosevelt" Cruiser USS "Bunker Hill" Destroyer USS "John Finn"
Minesweeping special training (Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise)	Feb. 1-10, 2021	Ise Bay	Minesweeper tender, minesweeper ocean, minesweeper coastal, aircraft	16 vessels 3 aircraft Totaling approximately 900 personnel	Approximately 10 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise (ILEX21-1)	Feb. 13, 2021	Around Okinawa	Underway Replenishment Ship JS "Towada"	1 vessel	Dry cargo ship USNS "Charles Drew"
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Feb. 28, 2021	Around Guam	Destroyer JS "Yugiri," Training ship JS "Setoyuki" and JS "Hatakaze"	3 vessels	Aircraft carrier USS "Theodore Roosevelt" Cruiser USS "Bunker Hill"
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Mar. 1-5, 2021	From the south of Kanto to the north of Guam	Destroyer JS "Ise," JS "Harusame," and JS "Shiranui"	3 vessels	Destroyer USS "John S. McCain" USS "Benfold"
Anti-submarine special training	Mar. 23, 2021	Eastern Tanegashima Island	Submarine, aircraft	1 vessel 1 aircraft	1 aircraft
Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise	Mar. 29, 2021	East China Sea	Destroyer JS "Kongo"	1 vessel	Amphibious command ship USS "Blue Ridge"

#### Air Self-Defense Force

Exercise Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.S.)
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Apr. 22, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan and Okinawa	6th Air Wing, 7th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 8 F-2 x 7	B-1 x 1 F-16 x 4
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	May 12, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan and Okinawa	5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 7th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing	F-15 x 8 F-2 x 8	B-1 x 2
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	May 27, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan and Okinawa	5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing	F-15 x 8 F-2 x 8	B-1 x 2
Bilateral training with the U.S. Air Force	Jun. 17, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan and Okinawa	2nd Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 12 F-2 x 4	B-52 x 2
Bilateral training with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy	Jun. 19, 2020	Airspace over the Pacific Ocean	8th Air Wing	F-2 x 4	B-52 x 2 E/A-18G x 2
Bilateral training with the U.S. Air Force	Jul. 17, 2020	Airspace over the Sea of Japan and west of Kyushu	2nd Air Wing, 5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing	F-15 x 12 F-2 x 4	B-1 x 2
Bilateral training with the U.S. Air Force	Jul. 27, 2020	Airspace around Japan	6th Air Wing, 7th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 8 F-2 x 7	B-1 x 1
Bilateral training with the U.S. Air Force	Aug. 7, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan and Okinawa	2nd Air Wing, 7th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 6 F-2 x 8	B-1 x 1

Exercise Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.S.)
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Aug. 18, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	2nd Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 16 F-2 x 4	B-1 x 3 F-15 x 10 E-3 x 1 F/A-18 x 2 F-35B x 3
Training relocation from Kadena Air Base and Misawa Air Base to Chitose Air Base related to US military reorganization	Aug. 24-28, 2020	Airspace west of Hokkaido and airspace east of Misawa	2nd Air Wing, 1st Tactical Airlift Wing, 2nd Tactical Airlift Wing, 3rd Tactical Airlift Wing	F-15 x 8 C-130 x 1 C-1 x 1 C-2 x 1	Around F-15 x 6 Around F-16 x 6
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Sep. 10, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	2nd Air Wing, 5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 20	B-1 x 2
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Sep. 30, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	2nd Air Wing, 5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 20	B-1 x 2
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Oct. 20, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	2nd Air Wing, 5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 7th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 16 F-2 x 2	B-1 x 1
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Oct. 20, 2020	Pacific Ocean airspace	3rd Air Wing	F-35A x 2	Amphibious assault ship USS "America"
Training relocation from Kadena Air Base to Nyutabaru Air Base related to U.S. military reorganization	Oct. 26-Nov.5, 2020	Airspace off Shikoku	5th Air Wing	Around F-15×15	Around F-15×12 Around 200 personnel in total
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Nov. 17, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 12 F-2 x 4"	B-1 x 2
HA/DR bilateral training in the Federated States of Micronesia, etc. (Christmas Drop)	Dec. 2-14, 2020	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Northern Mariana Islands, Palau and Micronesia and their surrounding airspace	1st Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command	C-130H x 1 Totaling approximately 20 personnel	C-130J x 3
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Dec. 4, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	2nd Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 12 F-2 x 4	B-1 x 1
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Dec. 16, 2020	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	5th Air Wing, 7th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 11 F-2 x 4	B-1 x 2
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Jan. 12, 2021	Airspace around the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Okinawa	5th Air Wing, 6th Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing	F-15 x 12 F-2 x 4	B-1 x 1
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Mar. 15, 2021	Airspace over the East China Sea northwest of Naha	9th Air Wing	F-15 x 4	F-35B x 4 KC-135 x 1
Japan-U.S. bilateral training	Mar. 18, 2021	Airspace over the Pacific Ocean east of Misawa	2nd Air Wing	F-15 x 2	F-16 x 1

Notes: 1. In addition, smaller-scale training, etc., is usually conducted between each SDF and U.S. Forces unit  
2. The numbers of personnel are based on those at the time of release



**Reference 20 Japan-U.S. Joint Research and Development Projects**

Item	Summary	Date of conclusion of intergovernmental agreement to implement joint research and development	Completion date
	Ducted rocket engine, advanced steel technology, fighting vehicle propulsion technology using ceramic materials, eye-safe laser radar, ejection seat, advanced hybrid propulsion technology, shallow water acoustic technology, ballistic missile defense technology, low vulnerability gun propellant for field artillery, electronic device mounted on successor aircraft to P-3C, software radio, advanced hull material/structural technology, sea-based radar system, combat system for ship, palm-sized automated chemical agent detector, human effects of exposure to aircraft fuel and their engine exhaust, image gyro for airborne applications, hybrid electric drive, and High-Speed Multi-Hull Vessel Optimization		Completed
SM-3 Block IIA	Development of advanced missile interceptor	June 2006	March 2019 (moved to the joint produce/deployment stage)
Comparison of Operational Jet Fuel and Noise Exposures	Research on the combined effects of exposures to both jet fuel and noise on the risk of hearing loss for flight line personnel	November 2015	Ongoing
Chemical Agent Detector-kit Colorimetric Reader	Research on automatically interpreting the colorimetric response of the Chemical Agent Detector-kit	February 2017	Ongoing
High-Temperature Case Technologies	Research on rocket motor case made of high-temperature CFRP* (CFRP: Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic)	July 2018	Ongoing
Next Generation Amphibious Technologies	Research on the feasibility of the technology by simulations based on digital models of amphibious vehicles	May 2019	Ongoing
Mission Partner Gateway eXtended	Research on interfaces between networks in Japan and the United States	September 2020	Ongoing
Modular Hybrid Electric Vehicle System	Research on modular hybrid electric vehicle systems	October 2020	Ongoing

**Reference 21** **United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation (tentative translation)**

(Washington, DC, May 1, 2006)

**Overview**

On October 29, 2005, the U.S.–Japan Security Consultative Committee (SCC) members approved recommendations for realignment of U.S. forces in Japan and related Japan Self-Defense Forces (SDF) in their document, “U.S.–Japan Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future.” In that document, the SCC members directed their respective staffs “to finalize these specific and interrelated initiatives and develop plans, including concrete implementation schedules no later than March 2006.” This work has been completed and is reflected in this document.

**Finalization of Realignment Initiatives**

The individual realignment initiatives form a coherent package. When implemented, these realignments will ensure a life-of-the-alliance presence for U.S. forces in Japan.

The construction and other costs for facility development in the implementation of these initiatives will be borne by the Government of Japan (GOJ) unless otherwise specified. The U.S. Government (USG) will bear the operational costs that arise from implementation of these initiatives. The two Governments will finance their realignment associated costs consistent with their commitments in the October 29, 2005 SCC document to maintain deterrence and capabilities while reducing burdens on local communities.

**Key Implementation Details**

1. Realignment on Okinawa

(a) Futenma Replacement Facility (FRF)

- The United States and Japan will locate the FRF in a configuration that combines the Henoko-saki and adjacent water areas of Oura and Henoko Bays, including two runways aligned in a “V”-shape, each runway having a length of 1,600 meters plus two 100-meter overruns. The length of each runway portion of the facility is 1,800 meters, exclusive of seawalls (see attached concept plan dated April 28, 2006). This facility ensures agreed operational capabilities while addressing issues of safety, noise, and environmental impacts.
- In order to locate the FRF, inclusive of agreed support facilities, in the Camp Schwab area, necessary adjustments will be made, such as reconfiguration of Camp Schwab facilities and adjacent water surface areas.
- Construction of the FRF is targeted for completion by 2014.
- Relocation to the FRF will occur when the facility is fully operationally capable.
- Facility improvements for contingency use at ASDF bases at Nyutabaru and Tsuiki related to replacement of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma capabilities will be made, as necessary, after conducting site surveys and before MCAS Futenma is returned.
- Requirements for improved contingency use of civilian facilities will be examined in the context of bilateral contingency planning, and appropriate arrangements will be made in order to realize the return of MCAS Futenma.
- In principle, the construction method for the FRF will be landfill.
- The USG does not intend to operate fighter aircraft from this facility.

(b) Force Reductions and Relocation to Guam

- Approximately 8,000 III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) personnel and their approximately 9,000 dependents will relocate from Okinawa to Guam by 2014, in a manner that maintains unit integrity. Units to relocate will include: III MEF Command Element, 3rd Marine Division Headquarters, 3rd Marine Logistics Group (formerly known as Force Service Support Group) Headquarters, 1st Marine Air Wing Headquarters, and 12th Marine Regiment Headquarters.
- The affected units will relocate from such facilities as Camp Courtney, Camp Hansen, MCAS Futenma, Camp Zukeran, and Makimino Service Area.
- The U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) forces remaining on Okinawa will consist of Marine Air-Ground Task Force elements, such as command, ground, aviation, and combat service support, as well as a base support capability.
- Of the estimated \$10.27 billion cost of the facilities and infrastructure development costs for the III MEF relocation to Guam, Japan will provide \$6.09 billion (in U.S. FY2008 dollars), including \$2.8 billion in direct cash contributions, to develop facilities and infrastructure on Guam to enable the III MEF relocation, recognizing the strong desire of Okinawa residents that such force relocation be realized rapidly. The United States will fund the remainder of the facilities and infrastructure development costs for the relocation to Guam estimated in U.S. FY2008 dollars at \$3.18 billion in fiscal spending plus approximately \$1 billion for a road.

(c) Land Returns and Shared Use of Facilities

- Following the relocation to the FRF, the return of MCAS Futenma, and the transfer of III MEF personnel to Guam, the remaining facilities and areas on Okinawa will be consolidated, thereby enabling the return of significant land areas south of Kadena Air Base.
- Both sides will develop a detailed consolidation plan by March 2007. In this plan, total or partial return of the following six candidate facilities will be examined:
  - Camp Kuwae: Total return.
  - Camp Zukeran: Partial return and consolidation of remaining facilities and infrastructure to the extent possible.
  - MCAS Futenma: Total return (see FRF section above).
  - Makimino Service Area: Total return.
  - aha Port: Total return (relocated to the new facilities, including additional staging constructed at Urasoe).
  - Army POL Depot Kuwae Tank Farm No. 1: Total return.
- All functions and capabilities that are resident in facilities designated for return, and that are required by forces remaining in Okinawa, will be relocated within Okinawa. These relocations will occur before the return of designated facilities.
- While emphasizing the importance of steady implementation of the recommendations of the Special Action Committee on Okinawa (SACO) Final Report, the SACO relocation and return initiatives may need to be reevaluated.
- Camp Hansen will be used for GSDF training. Shared use that requires no facility improvements will be possible from 2006.
- ASDF will use Kadena Air Base for bilateral training with U.S. forces, taking into account noise impacts on local communities.

## (d) Relationships among Initiatives

- Within the overall package, the Okinawa-related realignment initiatives are interconnected.
- Specifically, consolidation and land returns south of Kadena depend on completing the relocation of III MEF personnel and dependents from Okinawa to Guam.
- The III MEF relocation from Okinawa to Guam is dependent on: (1) tangible progress toward completion of the FRF, and (2) Japan's financial contributions to fund development of required facilities and infrastructure on Guam.

## 2. Improvement of U.S. Army Command and Control Capability

- U.S. Army command and control structure at Camp Zama will be transformed by U.S. FY2008. The headquarters of the GSDF Central Readiness Force subsequently will arrive at Camp Zama by Japan FY2012; SDF helicopters will have access to Kastner Heliport on Camp Zama.
- Along with the transformation of Army headquarters in Japan, a battle command training center and other support facilities will be constructed within Sagami General Depot (SGD) using U.S. funding.
- In relation to this transformation, the following measures for efficient and effective use of Camp Zama and SGD will be implemented.
  - Some portions of land at SGD will be returned for local redevelopment (approximately 15 hectares (ha)) and for road and underground rail (approximately 2ha). Affected housing units will be relocated to Sagami Area.
  - A specified area of open space in the northwest section of SGD (approximately 35ha) will be provided for local use when not required for contingency or training purposes.
  - Portions of the Chapel Hill housing area of Camp Zama (1.1ha) will be returned to the GOJ following relocation of affected housing units within Camp Zama. Further discussions on possible additional land returns at Chapel Hill will occur as appropriate.

## 3. Yokota Air Base and Airspace

- ASDF Air Defense Command (ADC) and relevant units will relocate to Yokota Air Base in Japan FY2010. A bilateral master plan for base use will be developed to accommodate facility and infrastructure requirements.
- A bilateral, joint operations coordination center (BJOCC), established at Yokota Air Base, will include a collocated air and missile defense coordination function. The USG and GOJ will fund their own required equipment and systems, respectively, while both sides will coordinate appropriate funding of shared use equipment and systems.
- The following measures will be pursued to facilitate movement of civilian aircraft through Yokota airspace while satisfying military operational requirements.
  - Establish a program in Japan FY2006 to inform commercial aviation entities of existing procedures to transit Yokota airspace.
  - Return portions of Yokota airspace to Japanese control by September 2008; specific portions will be identified by October 2006.
  - Develop procedures in Japan FY2006 for temporary transfers of air traffic control responsibility to Japanese authorities for portions of Yokota airspace, when not required for military purposes.
  - Study the conditions required for the possible return of the entire Yokota airspace as part of a comprehensive study of options for related airspace reconfigurations

and changes in air traffic control procedures that would satisfy future patterns of civilian and military (U.S. and Japanese) demand for use of Japanese airspace. The study will take into account both the lessons learned from the Kadena radar approach control (RAPCON) transfer experience and the lessons learned from experiences with collocation of U.S. forces and Japanese controllers in Japan. This study will be completed in Japan FY2009.

- The USG and GOJ will conduct a study of the specific conditions and modalities for possible civilian-military dual use of Yokota Air Base, to be completed within 12 months from commencement.

- The study will be conducted on the shared understanding that dual-use must not compromise military operations and safety or the military operational capabilities of Yokota Air Base.

- Based upon the outcome of this study, the two governments will consult and then make appropriate decisions on civilian-military dual-use.

## 4. Relocation of Carrier Air Wing from Atsugi Air Facility to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni

- The relocation of Carrier Air Wing Five (CVW-5) squadrons from Atsugi Air Facility to MCAS Iwakuni, consisting of F/A-18, EA-6B, E-2C, and C-2 aircraft, will be completed by 2014, subsequent to the following: (1) completion of necessary facilities, and (2) adjustment of training airspace and the Iwakuni RAPCON airspace.

- Necessary facilities will be developed at Atsugi Air Facility to accommodate MSDF E/O/UP-3 squadrons and other aircraft from Iwakuni, taking into account the continued requirement for U.S. operations from Atsugi.

- The KC-130 squadron will be based at MCAS Iwakuni with its headquarters, maintenance support facilities, and family support facilities. The aircraft will regularly deploy on a rotational basis for training and operations to MSDF Kanoya Base and Guam. To support the deployment of KC-130 aircraft, necessary facilities will be developed at Kanoya.

- U.S. Marine Corps CH-53D helicopters will be relocated from MCAS Iwakuni to Guam when the III MEF personnel relocate from Okinawa to Guam.

- Training airspace and Iwakuni RAPCON airspace will be adjusted to fulfill safely the training and operational requirements of U.S. forces, Japan SDF, and commercial aircraft (including those in neighboring airspace) through coordination by the Joint Committee.

- A bilateral framework to conduct a study on a permanent fieldcarrier landing practice facility will be established, with the goal of selecting a permanent site by July 2009 or the earliest possible date thereafter.

- Portions of the future civilian air facility will be accommodated at MCAS Iwakuni.

## 5. Missile Defense

- As both sides deploy additional capabilities and improve their respective ballistic missile defense capabilities, close coordination will continue.

- The optimum site for deployment of a new U.S. X-Band radar system has been designated as ASDF Shariki Base. Necessary arrangements and facility modifications, funded by the USG, will be made before the radar becomes operational in summer 2006.

- The USG will share X-Band radar data with the GOJ.

- U.S. Patriot PAC-3 capabilities will be deployed to Japan within existing U.S. facilities and areas, becoming operational at the earliest possible time.

## 6. Training Relocation

- Both sides will develop annual bilateral training plans beginning in Japan FY2007. As necessary, a supplemental plan for Japan FY2006 can be developed.
  - Initially, aircraft from three U.S. facilities — Kadena, Misawa, and Iwakuni — will participate in relocated training conducted from the following SDF facilities: Chitose, Misawa, Hyakuri, Komatsu, Tsuiki, and Nyutabaru. Both sides will work toward expanding use of SDF facilities for bilateral training and exercises in the future.
  - The GOJ will improve infrastructure for training relocation at SDF facilities as necessary after conducting site surveys.
  - Relocated training will not diminish the quality of training that is currently available to U.S. forces in Japan, taking into account facilities and training requirements.
- In general, bilateral training will commence with participation of 1–5 aircraft for the duration of 1–7 days, and develop over time to participation of 6–12 aircraft for 8–14 days at a time.
  - At those SDF facilities at which terms of joint use are stipulated by Joint Committee agreements, limitations on the number of joint training events will be removed. Limitations on the total days and period per training event for joint use of each SDF facility will be maintained.
  - The USG and GOJ will share costs for bilateral training as appropriate, bearing in mind the priority of maintaining readiness.

(Attached conceptual diagram omitted)



**Reference 22 Outline of 23 Issues**

(As of April 1, 2019)

Facility	Scope	Area (ha)	Classification				Remarks
			SCC	Gun-Ten-Kyo	Governor	U.S. Forces	
<Already returned>							
Army POL Depots	1. Pipeline between Urasoe and Ginowan City	4			○		Returned on December 31, 1990
Camp Zukeran	2. Manhole, etc., for underground communication system (Noborikawa)	0.1		○			Returned on September 30, 1991
	20. Awase Meadows Golf Course	47			○		Returned on July 31, 2010
Northern Training Area	3. Kunigami-son (Mt. Ibu) district, Higashi-son (Takae) district	480		○			Returned on March 31, 1993
	4. A part of southern area of the prefectural highway Nago-Kunigami line	(256)	○				
Camp Schwab	5. A part of area along National Highway 329 (Henoko)	1	○				Returned on March 31, 1993
Makiminato Service Area Annex	6. In whole	0.1				○	Returned on March 31, 1993
Naha Cold Storage	7. In whole	Building	○				Returned on March 31, 1993
Sunabe Warehouse	8. In whole	0.3				○	Returned on June 30, 1993
Yaedake Communication Site	9. Southern part (Nago City) and northern part (Motobu-cho)	19	○				Returned on November 30, 1994
Onna Communication Site	10. In whole	62			○		Returned on September 30, 1995
	11. Eastern part	(26)	○				
Kadena Air Base	12. A part of southern area (Tobaru)	2		○			Returned on January 31, 1996
Chibana Site	13. In whole	0.1				○	Returned on December 31, 1996
Camp Hansen	14. A part of Kin-cho (Kin)	3		○			Returned on December 31, 1996
	23. A part of East China Sea side slope (Nago City)	162	○				Returned on June 30, 2014 (55ha) Returned on June 30, 2017 (107ha)
Kadena Ammunition Storage Area	(22. Eastern Side of National Highway 58 (Kino-Hija), Southwestern corner (Yamanaka Area))	74	○				Returned on March 25, 1999
	15. Kadena bypass (west side of Route 58)	3	○	○			Returned on March 25, 1999
	(22. Kurahama: site for waste incineration facilities)	9	○				Returned on March 31, 2005
	(22. Continuing use area for GSDF)	58	○				Returned on October 31, 2006
Torii Communication Station	16. Kadena bypass	4		○			Returned on March 31, 1999
Deputy Division Engineer Office	17. In whole	4	○				Returned on September 30, 2002
Camp Kuwae	(19. Southern side of the eastern part)	2	○	○			Returned on December 31, 1994
	18. Northern part (Ihei)	38		○			Returned on March 31, 2003
	(18. Along Route 58)	(5)	○				
MCAS Futenma	21. Lands along eastern side (Nakabaru - Ginowan)	4		○			Returned on July 31, 2017
	17 facilities, 21 issues	977	7	8	3	3	
<Not yet returned after release agreement was concluded>							
Camp Kuwae	19. Northern side of eastern part (Kuwae)	0.5	○				Change agreed on December 21, 2001
Kadena Ammunition Storage Area	22. Old Higashionna Ammunition Storage Area	43	○				Release agreed on March 28, 1996
	2 facilities, 2 issues	44	2	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 facilities, 23 issues</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	

- Notes: 1. For the "Area" column, the value within parentheses is a portion of the value indicated immediately above.  
 2. A single circle in the "Classification" column expediently indicates that the scope of the case overlaps that of another issue.  
 3. The numbers in the "Scope" column were assigned only for the purpose of classifying 23 issues.  
 4. "SCC" in the "Classification" column indicates issues for which release was not achieved by June 1990 with respect to realignment, consolidation, and reduction plans of facilities and areas in Okinawa which were approved by the 15th and 16th Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meetings. "Gun-Ten-Kyo" indicates issues for which release was requested by the Council for promotion of de zoning and utilization of military land and consultation of problems accompanying bases in Okinawa Prefecture chaired by Okinawa's governor. "Governor" indicates issues for which then-Governor Nishime of Okinawa requested the U.S. government to release facilities and areas. "U.S. Forces" indicates issues in which the U.S. side declared to be returnable with respect to facilities and areas in Okinawa.

## Reference 23 The SACO Final Report (tentative translation)

(December 2, 1996)

The Special Action Committee on Okinawa (SACO) was established in November 1995 by the Governments of Japan and the United States. The two Governments launched the SACO process to reduce the burden on the people of Okinawa and thereby strengthen the Japan–U.S. alliance.

The mandate and guidelines for the SACO process were set forth by the Governments of Japan and the United States at the outset of the joint endeavor. Both sides decided that the SACO would develop recommendations for the Security Consultative Committee (SCC) on ways to realign, consolidate and reduce U.S. facilities and areas, and adjust operational procedures of U.S. forces in Okinawa consistent with their respective obligations under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security and other related agreements. The work of the SACO was scheduled to conclude after one year.

The SCC which was held on April 15, 1996, approved the SACO Interim Report which included several significant initiatives, and instructed the SACO to complete and recommend plans with concrete implementation schedules by November 1996.

The SACO, together with the Joint Committee, has conducted a series of intensive and detailed discussions and developed concrete plans and measures to implement the recommendations set forth in the Interim Report.

Today, at the SCC, Minister Ikeda, Minister Kyuma, Secretary Perry and Ambassador Mondale approved this SACO Final Report. The plans and measures included in this Final Report, when implemented, will reduce the impact of the activities of U.S. forces on communities in Okinawa. At the same time, these measures will fully maintain the capabilities and readiness of U.S. forces in Japan while addressing security and force protection requirements. Approximately 21 percent of the total acreage of the U.S. facilities and areas in Okinawa excluding joint use facilities and areas (approx. 5,002ha/12,361 acres) will be returned.

Upon approving the Final Report, the members of the SCC welcomed the successful conclusion of the yearlong SACO process and underscored their strong resolve to continue joint efforts to ensure steady and prompt implementation of the plans and measures of the SACO Final Report. With this understanding, the SCC designated the Joint Committee as the primary forum for bilateral coordination in the implementation phase, where specific conditions for the completion of each item will be addressed. Coordination with local communities will take place as necessary.

The SCC also reaffirmed the commitment of the two governments to make every endeavor to deal with various issues related to the presence and status of U.S. forces, and to enhance mutual understanding between U.S. forces and local Japanese communities. In this respect, the SCC agreed that efforts to these ends should continue, primarily through coordination at the Joint Committee.

The members of the SCC agreed that the SCC itself and the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) would monitor such coordination at the Joint Committee described above and provide guidance as appropriate. The SCC also instructed the SSC to seriously address the Okinawa-related issues as one of the most important subjects and regularly report back to the SCC on this subject.

In accordance with the April 1996 Japan–U.S. Joint Declaration on Security, the SCC emphasized the importance of close consultation on the international situation, defense policies and military postures, bilateral policy coordination and efforts towards a more peaceful and stable security environment in the

Asia-Pacific region. The SCC instructed the SSC to pursue these goals and to address the Okinawa related issues at the same time.

### Return Land:

- Futenma Air Station—See attached.
- Northern Training Area  
Return major portion of the Northern Training Area (approx. 3,987ha/9,852 acres) and release U.S. joint use of certain reservoirs (approx. 159ha/393 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 2003 under the following conditions:
  - Provide land area (approx. 38ha/93 acres) and water area (approx. 121ha/298 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 1998 in order to ensure access from the remaining Northern Training Area to the ocean.
  - Relocate helicopter landing zones from the areas to be returned to the remaining Northern Training Area.
- Aha Training Area  
Release U.S. joint use of Aha Training Area (approx. 480ha/1,185 acres) and release U.S. joint use of the water area (approx. 7,895ha/19,509 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 1998 after land and water access areas from the Northern Training Area to the ocean are provided.
- Gimbaru Training Area  
Return Gimbaru Training Area (approx. 60ha/149 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 1998 after the helicopter landing zone is relocated to Kin Blue Beach Training Area, and the other facilities are relocated to Camp Hansen.
- Sobe Communication Site  
Return Sobe Communication Site (approx. 53ha/132 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 2001 after the antenna facilities and associated support facilities are relocated to Camp Hansen.
- Yomitan Auxiliary Airfield  
Return Yomitan Auxiliary Airfield (approx. 191ha/471 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 2001 after the parachute drop training is relocated to Ie Jima Auxiliary Airfield and Sobe Communication Site is relocated.
- Camp Kuwae  
Return most of Camp Kuwae (approx. 99ha/245 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 2008 after the Naval Hospital is relocated to Camp Zukeran and remaining facilities there are relocated to Camp Zukeran or other U.S. facilities and areas in Okinawa.
- Senaha Communication Station  
Return Senaha Communication Station (approx. 61ha/151 acres) with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 2001 after the antenna facilities and associated support facilities are relocated to Torii Communication Station. However, the microwave tower portion (approx. 0.1ha/0.3 acres) will be retained.
- Makiminato Service Area  
Return land adjacent to Route 58 (approx. 3ha/8 acres) in order to widen the Route, after the facilities which will be affected by the return are relocated within the remaining Makiminato Service Area.
- Naha Port  
Jointly continue best efforts to accelerate the return of Naha Port (approx. 57ha/140 acres) in connection to its relocation to the Urasoe Pier area (approx. 35ha/87 acres).

- Housing consolidation (Camp Kuwae and Camp Zukeran)  
Consolidate U.S. housing areas in Camp Kuwae and Camp Zukeran and return portions of land in housing areas there with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 2008 (approx. 83ha/206 acres at Camp Zukeran; in addition, approx. 35ha/85 acres at Camp Kuwae will be returned through housing consolidation. That land amount is included in the above entry on Camp Kuwae.).

#### **Adjust Training and Operational Procedures:**

- Artillery live-fire training over Highway 104  
Terminate artillery live-fire training over Highway 104, with the exception of artillery firing required in the event of a crisis, after the training is relocated to maneuver areas on the mainland of Japan within Japanese FY1997.
- Parachute drop training  
Relocate parachute drop training to Ie Jima Auxiliary Airfield.
- Conditioning hikes on public roads  
Conditioning hikes on public roads have been terminated.

#### **Implement Noise Reduction Initiatives:**

- Aircraft noise abatement countermeasures at Kadena Air Base and Futenma Air Station  
Agreements on aircraft noise abatement countermeasures at Kadena Air Base and Futenma Air Station announced by the Joint Committee in March 1996 have been implemented.
- Transfer of KC-130 Hercules aircraft and AV-8 Harrier aircraft  
Transfer 12 KC-130 aircraft currently based at Futenma Air Station to Iwakuni Air Base after adequate facilities are provided. Transfer of 14 AV-8 aircraft from Iwakuni Air Base to the United States has been completed.
- Relocation of Navy aircraft and MC-130 operations at Kadena Air Base  
Relocate Navy aircraft operations and supporting facilities at Kadena Air Base from the Navy ramp to the other side of the major runways. The implementation schedules for these measures will be decided along with the implementation schedules for the development of additional facilities at Kadena Air Base necessary for the return of Futenma Air Station. Move the MC-130s at Kadena Air Base from the Navy ramp to the northwest corner of the major runways by the end of December 1996.
- Noise reduction baffles at Kadena Air Base  
Build new noise reduction baffles at the north side of Kadena Air Base with the intention to finish the process by the end of March 1998.
- Limitation of night flight training operations at Futenma Air Station  
Limit night flight training operations at Futenma Air Station to the maximum extent possible, consistent with the operational readiness of U.S. forces.

#### **Improve Status of Forces Agreement Procedures:**

- Accident reports  
Implement new Joint Committee agreement on procedures to provide investigation reports on U.S. military aircraft accidents announced on December 2, 1996. In addition, as part of the U.S. forces' good neighbor policy, every effort will be made to insure timely notification of appropriate local officials, as well as the Government of Japan, of all major accidents involving U.S. forces' assets or facilities.
- Public exposure of Joint Committee agreements  
Seek greater public exposure of Joint Committee agreements.
- Visits to U.S. facilities and areas  
Implement the new procedures for authorizing visits to U.S. facilities and areas announced by the Joint Committee on December 2, 1996.
- Markings on U.S. forces official vehicles  
Implement the agreement on measures concerning markings on U.S. forces official vehicles. Numbered plates will be attached to all non-tactical U.S. forces vehicles by January 1997, and to all other U.S. forces vehicles by October 1997.
- Supplemental automobile insurance  
Education programs for automobile insurance have been expanded. Additionally, on its own initiative, the U.S. has further elected to have all personnel under the SOFA obtain supplemental auto insurance beginning in January 1997.
- Payment for claims  
Make joint efforts to improve payment procedures concerning claims under paragraph 6, Article XVIII of the SOFA in the following manner:
  - Requests for advance payments will be expeditiously processed and evaluated by both Governments utilizing their respective procedures. Whenever warranted under U.S. laws and regulatory guidance, advance payment will be accomplished as rapidly as possible.
  - A new system will be introduced by the end of March 1998, by which Japanese authorities will make available to claimants no interest loans, as appropriate, in advance of the final adjudication of claims by U.S. authorities.
  - In the past there have been only a very few cases where payment by the U.S. Government did not satisfy the full amount awarded by a final court judgment. Should such a case occur in the future, the Government of Japan will endeavor to make payment to the claimant, as appropriate, in order to address the difference in amount.
- Quarantine procedures  
Implement the updated agreement on quarantine procedures announced by the Joint Committee on December 2, 1996.
- Removal of unexploded ordnance in Camp Hansen  
Continue to use USMC procedures for removing unexploded ordnance in Camp Hansen, which are equivalent to those applied to ranges of the U.S. forces in the United States.
- Continue efforts to improve the SOFA procedures in the Joint Committee

**The SACO Final Report on Futenma Air Station**  
**(an integral part of the SACO Final Report) (tentative translation)**

(Tokyo, Japan, December 2, 1996)

1. Introduction

- a. At the Security Consultative Committee (SCC) held on December 2, 1996, Minister Ikeda, Minister Kyuma, Secretary Perry, and Ambassador Mondale reaffirmed their commitment to the Special Action Committee on Okinawa (SACO) Interim Report of April 15, 1996 and the Status Report of September 19, 1996. Based on the SACO Interim Report, both Governments have been working to determine a suitable option for the return of Futenma Air Station and the relocation of its assets to other facilities and areas in Okinawa, while maintaining the airfield's critical military functions and capabilities. The Status Report called for the Special Working Group on Futenma to examine three specific alternatives: 1) incorporate the heliport into Kadena Air Base; 2) construct a heliport at Camp Schwab; and 3) develop and construct a sea-based facility (SBF).
- b. On December 2, 1996, the SCC approved the SACO recommendation to pursue the SBF option. Compared to the other two options, the SBF is judged to be the best option in terms of enhanced safety and quality of life for the Okinawan people while maintaining operational capabilities of U.S. forces. In addition, the SBF can function as a fixed facility during its use as a military base and can also be removed when no longer necessary.
- c. The SCC will establish a bilateral U.S.–Japan working group under the supervision of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) entitled the Futenma Implementation Group (FIG), to be supported by a team of technical experts. The FIG, working with the Joint Committee, will develop a plan for implementation no later than December 1997. Upon SCC approval of this plan, the FIG, working with the Joint Committee, will oversee design, construction, testing, and transfer of assets. Throughout this process, the FIG will periodically report to the SSC on the status of its work.

2. Decisions of the SCC

- a. Pursue construction of an SBF to absorb most of the helicopter operational functions of Futenma Air Station. This facility will be approximately 1,500 meters long, and will support the majority of Futenma Air Station's flying operations, including an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR)—capable runway (approximately 1,300 meters long), direct air operations support, and indirect support infrastructure such as headquarters, maintenance, logistics, quality-of-life functions, and base operating support. The SBF will be designed to support basing of helicopter assets, and will also be able to support short-field aircraft operations.
- b. Transfer 12 KC-130 aircraft to Iwakuni Air Base. Construct facilities at this base to ensure that associated infrastructure is available to support these aircraft and their missions.
- c. Develop additional facilities at Kadena Air Base to support aircraft, maintenance, and logistics operations which are currently available at Futenma Air Station but are not relocated to the SBF or Iwakuni Air Base.
- d. Study the emergency and contingency use of alternate facilities, which may be needed in the event of a crisis. This is necessary because the transfer of functions from Futenma Air Station to the SBF will reduce operational flexibility currently available.

- e. Return Futenma Air Station within the next five to seven years, after adequate replacement facilities are completed and operational.

3. Guiding Principles

- a. Futenma Air Station's critical military functions and capabilities will be maintained and will continue to operate at current readiness levels throughout the transfer of personnel and equipment and the relocation of facilities.
  - b. To the greatest extent possible, Futenma Air Station's operations and activities will be transferred to the SBF. Operational capabilities and contingency planning flexibility which cannot be supported by the shorter runway of the SBF (such as strategic airlift, logistics, emergency alternate divert, and contingency throughput) must be fully supported elsewhere. Those facilities unable to be located on the SBF, due to operational cost, or quality-of-life considerations, will be located on existing U.S. facilities and areas.
  - c. The SBF will be located off the east coast of the main island of Okinawa, and is expected to be connected to land by a pier or causeway. Selection of the location will take into account operational requirements, airspace and sea-lane deconfliction, fishing access, environmental compatibility, economic effects, noise abatement, survivability, security, and convenient, acceptable personnel access to other U.S. military facilities and housing.
  - d. The design of the SBF will incorporate adequate measures to ensure platform, aircraft, equipment, and personnel survivability against severe weather and ocean conditions; corrosion control treatment and prevention for the SBF and all equipment located on the SBF; safety; and platform security. Support will include reliable and secure fuel supply, electrical power, fresh water, and other utilities and consumables. Additionally, the facility will be fully self-supporting for short-period contingency/emergency operations.
  - e. The Government of Japan will provide the SBF and other relocation facilities for the use of U.S. forces, in accordance with the U.S.–Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security and the Status of Forces Agreement. The two Governments will further consider all aspects of life-cycle costs as part of the design/acquisition decision.
  - f. The Government of Japan will continue to keep the people of Okinawa informed of the progress of this plan, including concept, location, and schedules of implementation.
4. Possible Sea-Based Facility Construction Methods
- Studies have been conducted by a "Technical Support Group" comprised of Government engineers under the guidance of a "Technical Advisory Group" comprised of university professors and other experts outside the Government. These studies suggested that all three construction methods mentioned below are technically feasible.
- a. Pile Supported Pier Type (using floating modules)—supported by a number of steel columns fixed to the sea bed.
  - b. Pontoon Type—platform consisting of steel pontoon type units, installed in a calm sea protected by a breakwater.
  - c. Semi-Submersible Type—platform at a wave free height, supported by buoyancy of the lower structure submerged under the sea.



## 5. The Next Steps

- a. The FIG will recommend a candidate SBF area to the SCC as soon as possible and formulate a detailed implementation plan no later than December 1997. This plan will include completion of the following items: concept development and definitions of operational requirements, technology performance specifications and construction method, site survey, environmental analysis, and final concept and site selection.
- b. The FIG will establish phases and schedules to achieve operational capabilities at each location, including facility design, construction, installation of required components, validation tests and suitability demonstrations, and transfer of operations to the new facility.
- c. The FIG will conduct periodic reviews and make decisions at significant milestones concerning SBF program feasibility.

[Return of Lands]

1. Already returned facilities

Name of Facility (Project)	State of Progress
Northern Training Area (Return of major portion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 1999: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on land return after seven HLZs are relocated, etc.</li> <li>February 2006: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on changes to the agreement of April 1999 (HLZs: from 7 HLZs to 6 HLZs, reduction of the scale of the site preparation from 75 m to 45 m in diameter)</li> <li>December 2016: Major portion (approximately 4,000 ha) returned</li> </ul>
Aha Training Area (Return of total area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 1998: Total return completed (release of joint use)</li> </ul>
Gimbaru Training Area (Return of total area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 2008: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on land return after the helicopter landing zone (HLZ) is relocated to Kin Blue Beach Training Area and the other facilities are relocated to Camp Hansen</li> <li>July 2011: Total return completed (approximately 60 ha)</li> </ul>
Sobe Communication Site (Return of total area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 1999: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on land return after communication systems including communication facilities such as antennas and others are relocated to Camp Hansen</li> <li>December 2006: Remaining portion (approximately 53 ha) returned</li> </ul>
Yomitan Auxiliary Airfield (Return of total area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 2002: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on land return after the Sobe Communication Site is relocated</li> <li>December 2006: Remaining portion (approximately 191 ha) returned</li> </ul>
Senaha Communication Station (Return of most areas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2002: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on return of most land after communication systems including the antenna facilities and others are relocated to Torii Communication Station</li> <li>September 2006: Partially returned (approximately 61 ha excluding the microwave tower portion)</li> <li>October 2006: The microwave tower portion consolidated into Torii Communication Station</li> </ul>

2. Facilities to be returned as the realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan

Name of Facility (Project)	State of Progress
MCAS Futenma (Return of total area → Return of total area)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* May 2006: Described as total return in the United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation</li> <li>December 2015: Japan and the U.S. came to an agreement on partial early land return to be used for municipal roads.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>[Already returned area]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1997: Partially returned (approximately 473 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>September 1997: Partially returned (approximately 62 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>July 2017: Partially returned (approximately 4 ha)</li> <li>March 2018: Partially returned (approximately 0.4 ha)</li> <li>December 2020: Partially returned (approximately 0.1 ha)</li> </ul>
Camp Kuwae (Return of most areas → Return of total area)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* May 2006: Described as total return in the United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation</li> <li>July 2002: Youth Center was furnished</li> <li>January 2005: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the relocation and construction of the Naval Hospital and other related facilities.</li> <li>December 2006: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of the Naval Hospital.</li> <li>February 2008: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of accessory facility (helipad)</li> <li>December 2008: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of accessory facility (utility).</li> <li>May 2009: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of related facility (barracks for non-accompanied enlisted sailors)</li> <li>October 2009: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of related facility (water tank 1)</li> <li>October 2010: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of related facility (water tank 2)</li> <li>September 2011: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of related facilities (barracks for non-accompanied officers, blood storage facility, etc.)</li> <li>February 2013: 13 buildings including the Naval Hospital were furnished</li> <li>March 2013: The Naval Hospital opened</li> <li>December 2013: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the construction of related facilities of the Naval Hospital (preventive medical center, alcohol rehabilitation center, etc.)</li> <li>December 2015: Related facilities of the Naval Hospital (BOQ and blood storage facility, etc.) were furnished</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>[Already returned Area]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2003: Northern side returned (approximately 38 ha)</li> </ul>
Makiminato Service Area (Return of partial area → Return of total area)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* May 2006: Described as total return in the United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation</li> <li>December 2015: the Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on partial land return for the expansion of national highway</li> <li>March 2018: Partially returned (approximately 3ha)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>[Already returned area]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1997: Partially returned (approximately 38 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>September 2001: Partially returned (approximately 1 ha)</li> <li>August 2013: Return of north access road (approximately 1 ha)</li> <li>March 2018: Partially returned (approximately 3 ha)</li> <li>March 2019: Return of area near Gate 5 (approximately 2 ha)</li> </ul>
Naha Port Facility (Return of total area → Return of total area)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* May 2006: Described as total return in the United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>[Already returned area]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2000: Partially returned (approximately 1 ha)</li> </ul>

Name of Facility (Project)	State of Progress
Housing Consolidation Camp Zukeran (Return of partial area → Return of partial area)*	<p>(Phase I: Golf Range Area)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 1999: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the relocation and construction of housing and others</li> <li>• July 2002: Two high rises were furnished</li> <li>• July 2006: An underpass was furnished</li> </ul> <p>(Phase II: Sada Area)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 2002: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the relocation and construction of housing and others</li> <li>• September 2005: Two high rises, 38 townhouses, and others were furnished</li> </ul> <p>(Phase III: Eastern Chatan Area)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2004: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the relocation and construction of housing and others</li> <li>• June 2008: 35 townhouses and others were furnished</li> </ul> <p>(Phase IV: Futenma and Upper Plaza Area)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2005: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the relocation and construction of housing and others</li> <li>• February 2010: 24 townhouses constructed in Upper Plaza Area were furnished</li> </ul> <p>* May 2006: Camp Zukeran was described as partial return in the U.S.-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation</p> <p>* April 2013: It was written in the Consolidation Plan for Facilities and Areas in Okinawa that the OHC plan will be reassessed under SACO, and that 910 family housing (including alternatives for housing that are to be removed in consolidated areas) will be built in addition to 56 housing already agreed to build based on the request for family housing after the realignment of the U.S. Forces in Okinawa.</p> <hr/> <p>[Already returned area]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 1997: Partially returned (approximately 371 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>• May 1997: Partially returned (approximately 598 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>• June 1997: Partially returned (approximately 353 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>• December 1997: Partially returned (approximately 0.3 ha)</li> <li>• March 1998: Partially returned (approximately 2 ha)</li> <li>• February 2000: Partially returned (approximately 3 ha)</li> <li>• December 2006: Partially returned (approximately 145 m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>• March 2015: Return of West Futenma Housing Area (approximately 51 ha)</li> <li>• March 2020: Partial return of the Facilities and Engineering Compound (approximately 11 ha)</li> </ul>

### [Adjustment in training or operation]

Point	State of Progress
Relocation of Artillery Live-fire Training over Highway 104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocated to five maneuver areas on the mainland of Japan in FY1997</li> </ul>
Parachute Drop Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocation training conducted at Iejima Auxiliary Airfield since July 2000</li> </ul>

### [Implementation of initiatives to reduce noise]

#### 1. Initiatives already taken

Point	State of Progress
Relocation of the U.S. Navy Ramp at Kadena Air Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 2005: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the relocation and construction of rinse facility</li> <li>• September 2008: Rinse Facility was furnished</li> <li>• February 2009: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the relocation of Navy Ramp</li> <li>• October 2010: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on implementation of area forming and the construction of ramp and taxiway.</li> <li>• April 2011: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on implementation of the construction of parking and utility.</li> <li>• February 2013: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on implementation of the construction of type II maintenance hangar.</li> <li>• July 2013: Ramp, etc., were furnished.</li> <li>• July 2014: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on implementation of construction of hangars, etc.</li> <li>• December 2016: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the furnishing of maintenance hangar, etc.</li> <li>• January 2017: Relocation completed</li> <li>• February 2020: The Japan-U.S. Joint Committee came to an agreement on the implementation of demolition of part of the existing facilities</li> <li>• March 2021: Completed demolition of part of the existing facilities</li> </ul>
Installation of Noise Reduction Baffles at Kadena Air Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 2000: Furnished</li> </ul>

#### 2. Ongoing initiatives as the U.S. Forces realignment

Point	State of Progress
Transfer of KC-130 aircraft*	<p>* May 2006: United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation stated that the KC-130 squadron would be based at MCAS Iwakuni with its headquarters, maintenance support facilities, and family support facilities, and that the aircraft would regularly deploy on a rotational basis for training and operations to MSDF Kanoya Base and Guam.</p>

**Reference 25 Background of the Futenma Replacement Facility**

Month & Year	Background
April 1996	Then Prime Minister Hashimoto and then U.S. Ambassador Mondale held a meeting, and the full return of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma (MCAS Futenma) was announced. SACO Interim Report. → The airfield will be returned within five to seven years, following the completion of an adequate replacement facility.
December 1996	SACO Final Report → A maritime facility will be constructed off the east coast of the main island of Okinawa (one that can be dismantled).
November 1999	Then Governor of Okinawa Inamine stated that he had chosen the Henoko coast region of Nago City as a candidate for the facility relocation on condition that it would be for joint military-civilian use
December 1999	Then Mayor of Nago City Kishimoto expressed that the city would accept the FRF “Government Policy on Relocation of MCAS Futenma” (Cabinet decision) → Construction in the Nago City Henoko coastal region in the water area of Camp Schwab
July 2002	“Basic Agreement Regarding the Use of Replacement Facilities” concluded between the Director General of Defense Agency and the Governor of Okinawa. “Basic Plan for Replacement Facilities for MCAS Futenma” was prepared. → Scale, construction methods, and specific construction site decided
November 2003	Then Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld visited Okinawa.
August 2004	A U.S. Forces helicopter crashed into a university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa.
October 2005	“2+2” Joint Statement → Agreement on a new plan (an L shape plan connecting the coastal area of Camp Schwab with the adjacent water area of Oura bay)
April 2006	“Basic Agreement Regarding the Construction of the Futenma Replacement Facility” concluded between the Director General of the Defense Agency, the Mayor of Nago, and the village mayor of Ginoza. → Agreement was reached by creating flight paths avoiding overflight of the surrounding region (the V shape plan).
May 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “2+2” Joint Statement → Final adjustments made for the “U.S.-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation,” V shape plan approved “Basic Confirmation Regarding the Realignment of U.S. Military Forces in Okinawa” concluded between the Director General of the Defense Agency and the Governor of Okinawa.</li> <li>• “GOJ Efforts for USFJ Force Structure Realignment and Others” (Cabinet decision) → The cabinet decision of December 1999 was abolished.</li> </ul>
August 2006	Establishment of “the Council on Measures for Relocation of MCAS Futenma”
August 2007	The EIA scoping document was sent to the governor, municipal mayors etc., of Okinawa.
April 2009	Draft Environment Impact Statement was sent to the governor and municipal mayors of Okinawa.
September 2009	Conclusion of a three-party coalition government agreement between the Democratic Party of Japan, the Social Democratic Party, and the People’s New Party. → Agreement on reviewing the status of the U.S. Forces realignment and U.S. Forces bases in Japan.
November 2009	Establishment of the Ministerial-Level Working Group on the Replacement Facility for Futenma Air Station. Japan-U.S. summit meeting → Agreement on resolving the relocation of Futenma Air Station expeditiously through the working group.
December 2009	Ministerial Committee on Basic Policies convened, Exploratory Committee for the Okinawa Bases Issue was established.
May 2010	“2+2” Joint Statement → Confirmed the intention to locate the Futenma Replacement Facility at the Camp Schwab Henokosaki and adjacent water areas Cabinet approval of “immediate actions by the Government of Japan on items decided by the Japan-United States Security Consultative Committee on May 28th, 2010”
August 2010	Futenma Replacement Facility Bilateral Experts Study Group Report
June 2011	“2+2” Joint Statement → Confirming the commitment that a replacement plan should be completed as early as possible after 2014, while deciding that the shape of the runway in the replaced facility should be V-shaped.
December 2011- January 2012	The Environmental Impact Statement report was sent to the governor of Okinawa.
February 2012	The Japan-U.S. Joint Statement was announced on the realignment of the U.S. forces stationed in Japan. → Official discussion was initiated to delink two issues—the movement of Marines to Guam and resulting land returns south of Kadena—from progress on the FRF.
April 2012	“2+2” Joint Statement → The four Ministers reconfirmed that the current plan to relocate MCAS Futenma to Henoko continues to be the only viable solution. Agreement reached to delink two issues—the movement of Marines to Guam and resulting land returns south of Kadena—from progress on the FRF.
December 2012	Revised Environment Impact Statement was sent to the governor and municipal mayors of Okinawa.
March 2013	Application for approval of public water body reclamation was submitted to the governor of Okinawa.
April 2013	Release of “the consolidation plan of USFJ facilities and areas in Okinawa” → MCAS Futenma can be returned in FY2022 or later through relocation, etc.
October 2013	“2+2” Joint Statement → The four Ministers reaffirmed that the plan to construct the Futenma Replacement Facility in Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma
December 2013	Governor of Okinawa approved reclamation of the public water body related to the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project
July 2014	Started the construction of replacement facilities
April 2015	“2+2” Joint Statement → The four Ministers reaffirmed that the plan to construct the Futenma Replacement Facility in Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma
October 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor of Okinawa revoked the landfill permit for the Futenma Replacement Facility project</li> <li>• The Director General of the Okinawa Defense Bureau requested the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to review the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture’s revocation of the landfill permit for the Futenma Replacement Facility project, and requested the suspension of its execution</li> <li>• The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism decided to suspend execution of the revocation of the landfill permit</li> </ul>



Month & Year	Background
November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting and Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting → Stated that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution</li> <li>The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism filed an administrative suit seeking a retraction of revocation of the landfill permit → Reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Camp Schwab is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul>
March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government announced it would accept the court's settlement recommendation</li> <li>Landfill work was suspended</li> <li>The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism issued a correction instruction to the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture over its revocation of the landfill permit</li> <li>The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture applied for a review of the correction instruction issued by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism by the Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council</li> </ul>
April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting → Japan explained that its position remains unwavering that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution and that the Government decided to accept a court suggested settlement under the philosophy of "haste makes waste," and stated that it would like to realize the return of MCAS Futenma through the completion of the relocation to Henoko at the earliest possible time and will continue to make joint efforts to mitigate the impact on Okinawa. The U.S. stated that it understands the court-suggested settlement on the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko as Prime Minister Abe's strategic decision, and said that the U.S. will continue its efforts through close cooperation.</li> </ul>
June 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council notified the results of the review</li> <li>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting → Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution</li> </ul>
July 2016	The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism filed a suit seeking confirmation of the violation of law for the failure to act
September 2016	<p>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting → Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution</p>
December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting → Reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> <li>The Supreme Court dismissed the appeal of Governor of Okinawa in a suit seeking confirmation of the violation of law for the failure to act (finalized victory of the national government)</li> <li>Governor of Okinawa retracted the revocation of the landfill permit for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project</li> <li>Resumed the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project</li> <li>Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting → Japan stated that its position remains unwavering that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution, that construction has resumed following the Supreme Court ruling, and that the Government will steadily move forward with the construction</li> </ul>
February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting → Reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution</li> <li>Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting → Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution</li> </ul>
April 2017	Began construction of the seawall, the main part of the public waters reclamation
June 2017	<p>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting → Reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution</p>
July 2017	Okinawa Prefectural Government filed a lawsuit against the central government arguing it is illegal to damage rock on the seabed without securing permission of the governor.
August 2017	<p>Joint statement of "2+2" → The four Ministers reconfirmed that construction of the Futenma Replacement Facility in Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</p>
November 2017	<p>Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting → Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</p>
March 2018	Naha District Court dismissed Okinawa Prefecture's claim regarding a suit that demands for an injunctive order for actions that damage the reefs, etc.
April 2018	<p>Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting → Reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</p>
August 2018	The Vice Governor of Okinawa Prefecture revoked (withdrew) the landfill permit for public waters.
October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Director General of the Okinawa Defense Bureau requested the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to review the Vice Governor of Okinawa Prefecture's withdrawal of the landfill permit for public waters, and requested the suspension of its execution.</li> <li>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting → Reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> <li>The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism decided to suspend execution of the withdrawal of the landfill permit.</li> </ul>
November 2018	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture objected to the decision by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to suspend execution, and applied for a review by the Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council.
December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Naha Branch of the Fukuoka High Court rejected an appeal by Okinawa Prefecture regarding a suit that demands for an injunctive order for actions that damage the reefs, etc.</li> <li>Started landfill work in the waters on the south side of Camp Schwab.</li> </ul>
January 2019	<p>Meeting between then Minister of Defense Iwaya and then Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense Shanahan → Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</p>
February 2019	The Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council dismissed the request for a review from the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture.
March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture filed a lawsuit to demand a revocation of the decision to suspend execution of the withdrawal of the landfill permit.</li> <li>Okinawa Prefecture withdrew a petition for acceptance of final appeal with the Supreme Court regarding a suit that demands for an injunctive order for actions that damage the reefs, etc. (finalized victory of the central government).</li> </ul>

Month & Year	Background
April 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding the request for a review from the Director General of the Okinawa Defense Bureau, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism decided to revoke the withdrawal of the landfill permit by the Vice Governor of Okinawa Prefecture.</li> <li>Joint statement of "2+2" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The four Ministers reconfirmed that construction of the Futenma Replacement Facility in Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture withdrew its claim regarding the suit to revoke the decision to suspend execution of the withdrawal of the landfill permit.</li> <li>Governor of Okinawa objected to the decision by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and applied for a review by the Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council.</li> </ul>
June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting between then Minister of Defense Iwaya and then Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense Shanahan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministers agreed that Japan and the United States will cooperate closely to make steady progress in implementing the plan for the realignment of the U.S. Forces.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council dismissed the request for review by Governor of Okinawa.</li> </ul>
July 2019	The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture objected to the dismissal by the Central and Local Government Dispute Management Council and filed a lawsuit to demand a revocation of the Government decision.
August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governor of Okinawa objected to the decision by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and filed a lawsuit to demand a revocation of the decision.</li> <li>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Naha Branch of the Fukuoka High Court dismissed the claim regarding the suit to revoke the decision by Governor of Okinawa.</li> <li>Governor of Okinawa filed a petition for acceptance of final appeal with the Supreme Court regarding the suit to revoke the decision by Governor of Okinawa.</li> </ul>
November 2019	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul>
January 2020	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul>
March 2020	The Supreme Court dismissed the claim regarding the suit to revoke the decision by the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture.
April 2020	An application for change of landfill work related to the addition of the work to improve the soil foundation, etc., was submitted to the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture.
August 2020	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul>
November 2020	Naha District Court dismisses Okinawa Prefecture's claim to revoke the decision
December 2020	Okinawa Prefecture appeals to Naha Branch of the Fukuoka High Court to revoke decision
March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconfirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul> </li> <li>Joint statement of "2+2" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The four Ministers reconfirmed that construction of the Futenma Replacement Facility in Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that the relocation of MCAS Futenma to Henoko is the only solution that avoids continued use of MCAS Futenma</li> </ul> </li> <li>Completed landfill from the sea level to 3.1m (4.0m along some seawalls) in the waters on the south side of Camp Schwab</li> </ul>

**Reference 26** Estimated Timelines for the Return of Facilities and Areas South of Kadena

Areas Eligible for Immediate Return Upon Completion of Necessary Procedures	
West Futenma Housing area of Camp Zukeran (Camp Foster)	Returned (March 31, 2015)
The north access road of Makiminato Service Area (Camp Kinser)	Returned (August 31, 2013)
Area near Gate 5 on Makiminato Service Area (Camp Kinser)	Returned (March 31, 2019)
A portion of the warehouse area of the Facilities and Engineering Compound in Camp Zukeran (Camp Foster)	Returned (March 31, 2020) <sup>1</sup>
Areas Eligible for Return Once the Replacement Facilities in Okinawa are Provided	
Camp Kuwae (Camp Lester)	JFY2025 or later
Lower Plaza Housing area, Camp Zukeran (Camp Foster)	JFY2024 or later
A part of Kishaba Housing area, Camp Zukeran (Camp Foster)	JFY2024 or later
The Industrial Corridor, Camp Zukeran (Camp Foster)	JFY2024 or later <sup>2, 3</sup>
Elements of Makiminato Service Area (Camp Kinser), including the preponderance of the storage area	JFY2025 or later
Naha Port	JFY2028 or later
Army Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricant Depot Kuwae Tank Farm No.1	JFY2022 or later
Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma	JFY2022 or later
Areas Eligible for Return as USMC Forces Relocate from Okinawa to Locations Outside of Japan	
Additional elements of Camp Zukeran (Camp Foster)	—
The remainder of Makiminato Service Area (Camp Kinser)	JFY2024 or later <sup>4</sup>

- Notes: 1. Shirahi River area was returned at the same timing.  
 2. Part of the logistics support units in this area are scheduled to be relocated to locations outside of Japan. Efforts will be made to minimize the impact of the relocation on the approximate timing for return. However, the relocation sequence is subject to change depending on the progress of relocation.  
 3. Area south of the Industrial Corridor (Camp Foster) can be returned at the same timing.  
 4. Plans for USMC relocation to locations outside of Japan have not yet been determined. The relocation sequence is subject to change depending on the progress of relocation.

**Reference 27** Chronology of Osprey Deployment by the U.S. Forces

June 6, 2011	The U.S. Department of Defense announced that the CH-46 deployed at MCAS Futenma would be replaced with the MV-22 Osprey in the latter half of 2012.
June 13, 2012-	Provided an explanation on the results of the Environment Review, MV-22 pamphlet, etc., to Okinawa Prefecture, relevant local governments and other organizations.
June 29-	Host Nation Notification and U.S. Department of Defense press release regarding the deployment of the MV-22 Osprey to Okinawa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deployed a squadron in October 2012 (off-loaded at MCAS Iwakuni in late July).</li> <li>• Deployed an additional squadron in summer 2013.</li> <li>• The results of the investigation of the crash accident were provided to the Government of Japan; the MV-22 Osprey did not conduct any flights in Japan until the safety of flight operations was reconfirmed.</li> </ul>
July 23	Off-loaded at MCAS Iwakuni.
September 19	Released the report "MV-22 Osprey deployment in Okinawa" (that safety was confirmed by the government). The Joint Committee agreed on matters related to the Osprey's operations.
October 6	Relocation to MCAS Futenma was completed.
January 28, 2013	The Okinawa Citizens' Council, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, and other organizations sent a statement to the Prime Minister.
April 30	The MOD provided explanation to the relevant local governments and other organizations regarding the U.S. explanation on the deployment of the MV-22 squadron (off-loaded at MCAS Iwakuni in summer 2013).
July 30	The second squadron off-loaded at MCAS Iwakuni.
September 25	Relocation to MCAS Futenma was completed.
May 11, 2015	The U.S. Department of Defense announced that it would deploy the CV-22 Osprey at Yokota Air Base starting in the latter half of 2017.
December 13, 2016	Emergency landing of an MV-22 Osprey off the coast of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture.
February 1, 2017	Planned maintenance interval of the MV-22 Osprey was commenced at Camp Kisarazu.
March 14	Informed relevant local governments and other organizations that the U.S. Department of Defense announced the postponement of the arrival of the CV-22 Osprey that were to be deployed at Yokota Air Base.
August 5	Accident of a MV-22 attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Force (Futenma) off the east coast of Australia.
April 3, 2018	U.S. Forces in Japan announced that five CV-22 Osprey would be deployed to Japan around summer of 2018, and that a total of ten Osprey would be deployed gradually over the next few years.
August 22, 2018	Informed relevant local governments and other organizations that the U.S. Forces in Japan announced that five CV-22 Osprey would be deployed at Yokota Air Base on October 1, 2018, and that a total of ten CV-22 would be deployed at Yokota Air Base gradually by around 2024.
October 1, 2018	Five CV-22 Osprey were deployed at Yokota Air Base.



## Reference 28 Outline of the Act on Special Measures on Smooth Implementation of the Realignment of United States Forces in Japan

### 1. Purpose

It is critically important to realize the realignment of the United States Forces in Japan (USFJ), in order to contribute to the maintenance of peace and security in Japan and to mitigate the impact of defense facilities on surrounding residents by all of Japan. In this light, the purpose of this Act is to contribute to the smooth implementation of USFJ realignment by taking the following special measures, etc.

### 2. Special Measures, etc.

#### (1) Realignment grants for municipalities incurring greater impacts

- In connection with the realignment of USFJ, the national government designates defense facilities for which it is deemed that consideration must be paid to their increasing impacts on the stability of the lives of the residents in the surrounding areas. Realignment grants are awarded to municipalities in the area of such defense facilities, in order to cover the expenses of the projects that contribute to making the residents' lives more convenient and to developing industries, if the grants are considered necessary to help carry out the USFJ realignment smoothly and infallibly.
- The national government takes into consideration the extent that the stability of the lives of the residents is impacted, and awards the realignment grants based on both the progress of the measures for achieving realignment and the length of time that has passed since the measures were first implemented.

#### (2) Public project special provisions for areas incurring particularly large impacts

- Designate areas that include municipalities incurring particularly large impacts as Special Area for Development concerning Realignment, and promote the development of these areas by establishing special provisions for cost sharing by local governments when developing roads, ports, and other infrastructure.
- Set up at the MOD the Council for Local Development concerning Realignment of U.S. Forces in Japan and Related SDF Forces comprised of relevant ministers, and at the Council's meetings discuss matters such as the designation of the Special Area for Development concerning Realignment and the establishment of the development plan for the area (Development Plan for Special Area for Development concerning Realignment).

#### (3) Measures for USFJ local employees

- Implement skills education and training that contribute to the continuous employment of USFJ local employees.





















### 3. Expiration of the Law

This Act expires on March 31, 2027; provided, however, that the realignment grants will be awarded until March 31, 2032 at the latest based on the situation of the realignment.

- Notes:
1. At the time of its enactment this Act was set to expire on March 31, 2017. However, the term of validity has been extended by 10 years to March 31, 2027 pursuant to the law for the partial revision of this Act which entered into force on March 31, 2017.
  2. At the time of its enactment, this Act provided for the special measures, etc., under this Act in 2. (1) to (3) above, as well as for special provisions for the operations of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation for the implementation of investments and loans for family housing and infrastructure development related to USFJ relocation to the United States of America (Guam) for the promotion of said relocation. However, the said provision was abolished pursuant to the law for the partial revision of this Act which entered into force on March 31, 2017, after the 2+2 Joint Statement of April 2012 limited Japan's financial commitment for the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa to Guam to direct cash contribution and it was confirmed that other forms of financial assistance (investments and loans) would not be utilized.

**Reference 29 Situations Concerning the Conclusion of Agreements**

(As of March 31, 2021)

	Defense Equipment and Technology Transfer Agreement	Acquisition and Cross-Serving Agreement (ACSA)	Information Security Agreement	Security and Defense Cooperation Documents
 United States	Signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement between Japan and the United States of America in March 1954 and entered into force in May 1954 Established the Transfer of Military Technologies to the United States of America (exchange of notes) in November 1983 Established the Transfer of Arms and Military Technologies to the United States of America (exchange of notes) in June 2006	Signed in April 1996 and entered into force in October 1996 Signed in April 1998 and revised in September 1999 Signed in February 2004 and revised in July 2004 Signed in September 2016 and entered into force in April 2017	Signed and entered into force in August 2007	Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Signed in September 1951 and entered into force in April 1952 Signed in January 1960 and entered into force in June 1960 Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation Set forth in November 1978 Set forth in September 1997 Set forth in April 2015 Japan-U.S. Joint Declaration on Security in April 1996
 Australia	Signed in July 2014 Entered into force in December 2014	Signed in May 2010 Entered into force in January 2013 Signed in January 2017 Entered into force in September 2017	Signed in May 2012 Entered into force in March 2013	Signed memorandum in September 2003 Japan-Australia Joint Declaration on Security in March 2007 Revised memorandum in December 2008
 India	Signed in December 2015 Entered into force in March 2016	Signed in September 2020	Signed and entered into force in December 2015	Japan-India Joint Declaration on Security in October 2008 Signed memorandum in September 2014
 Indonesia	Signed and entered into force in March 2021	—	—	Signed memorandum in March 2015
 Viet Nam	Agreed to start negotiations at the Japan-Vietnam Summit Meeting in July 2019 Substantive agreement at the Japan-Vietnam Summit Meeting in October 2020	—	—	—
 The Philippines	Signed in February 2016 Entered into force in April 2016	—	—	Signed statement of intent in July 2012 Signed memorandum in January 2015
 Thailand	—	—	—	Signed memorandum in November 2019
 Laos	—	—	—	Signed memorandum in October 2019
 Malaysia	Signed and entered into force in April 2018	—	—	Signed memorandum in September 2018
 Republic of Korea	—	Agreed to move forward with opinion exchanges at the Japan-ROK Ministerial Meeting in January 2011	Signed and entered into force in November 2016	Signed statement of intent in April 2009
 United Kingdom	Signed and entered into force in July 2013	Signed in January 2017 Entered into force in August 2017	Signed in July 2013 Entered into force in January 2014	Signed memorandum in January 2004 Revised memorandum in June 2012 Japan-U.K Joint Declaration on Security in August 2017
 France	Signed in March 2015 Entered into force in December 2016	Signed in July 2018 Entered into force in June 2019	Signed and entered into force in October 2011	Signed statement of intent in July 2014
 Canada	—	Signed in April 2018 Entered into force in July 2019	—	Japan-Canada Joint Declaration on Political, Peace and Security Cooperation in November 2010
 New Zealand	—	Agreed to consider at Japan-New Zealand Summit Meeting in July 2014	Shared the view that two countries will commence a joint study toward negotiations for an agreement on security information sharing at Japan-New Zealand Summit Meeting in September 2019	Signed memorandum in August 2013
 NATO	—	—	Signed and entered into force in June 2010	Announced: Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programme (IPCP) between Japan and NATO in May 2014
 Germany	Signed and entered into force in July 2017	—	Signed and entered into force in March 2021	—
 Italy	Signed in May 2017 Entered into force in April 2019	—	Signed in March 2016 Entered into force in June 2016	Signed statement of intent in June 2012 Signed memorandum in May 2017
 Russia	—	—	—	Signed memorandum in August 1999 Revised memorandum in January 2006
 UAE	—	—	—	Signed memorandum in May 2018
 Brazil	—	—	—	Signed memorandum in December 2020

Notes: Signed Memorandum with Singapore, Vietnam, Mongolia, Bahrain, Cambodia, Sweden, Spain, Qatar, Georgia, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Colombia, the Netherlands, Kazakhstan, Czech, Finland, Ukraine, Oman and Israel; signed statement of intent with Turkey

**Reference 30 Exchange Student Acceptance Record (Number of Newly Accepted Students in FY2020)**

(Number of students)

Country Institution	United States	Australia	India	Indonesia	Vietnam	Singapore	The Philippines	Thailand	Cambodia	Myanmar	Laos	Malaysia	Republic of Korea	Mongolia	Pakistan	Sub total
National Institute for Defense Studies	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	6
National Defense Academy	—	—	—	2	11	—	2	6	2	2	1	2	2	2	—	32
Ground Self-Defense Force (Training Evaluation Research and Development Command, etc.)	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	11
Maritime Self-Defense Force (Staff College, etc.)	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	7
Air Self-Defense Force (Staff College, etc.)	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	6
Joint Staff College	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>65</b>

**Reference 31 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with Australia (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

High-level talks	Sep. 2018	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Australia by GSDF Chief of Staff
	Oct. 2018	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sydney (8th "2+2" Meeting))
	Oct. 2018	Visit to Japan by Australian Chief of Navy
	Jan. 2019	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Jan. 2019	Visit to Australia by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Feb. 2019	Visit to Australia by Chief of Staff, JS
	Feb. 2019	Visit to Australia by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Feb. 2019	Visit to Australia by Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense
	Jun. 2019	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (18th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Sep. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chief of Australian Air Force
	Oct. 2019	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Oct. 2019	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Nov. 2019	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
		☆2019 Japan-Australia Defence Ministers Kono/Reynolds joint statement on advancing defence cooperation
	Nov. 2019	Visit to Japan by Australian Chief of the Defence Force
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Apr. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Japanese Chief of Staff, JS and Australian Chief of the Defense Force
	May 2020	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	May 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Australian Chief of Air Force
Jul. 2020	Telephone Conversation between GSDF Chief of Staff and Australian Chief of Army	
Aug. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and Australian Chief of Navy	
Aug. 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Australian Chief of Air Force	
Oct. 2020	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	
Oct. 2020	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	
	☆2020 Japan-Australia Defense Ministers Joint Statement on Advancing Defence Cooperation	
Oct. 2020	Video Teleconference between ASDF Chief of Staff and Australian Chief of Air Force	
Dec. 2020	Video Teleconference between GSDF Chief of Staff and Australian Chief of Army	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	May 2019	Japan-Australia Military-Military Consultation (MM)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Feb.-Mar. 2019	Dispatch of C-2 to Australia (overseas flight training and participation in AVALON Airshow)
	Sep.-Oct. 2019	Visit to Komatsu Air Base by the Royal Australian Air Force KC-30A and a unit-to-unit exchange by refueling and transport aircraft units (sister squadron exchange)
	Nov. 2019	Visit to the Air Defense Command Headquarters by Australian Chief of Joint Operations
	Jan. 2020	Dispatch of ASDF C-130 to Australia (International Disaster Relief Activities)
Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral cooperation (See reference 46 for training and exercise)	May 2018	Japan-U.S.-Australia Security and Defense Cooperation Forum (SDCF)
	Jun. 2018	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	May 2019	Japan-U.S.-Australia Security and Defense Cooperation Forum (SDCF)
	Jun. 2019	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (18th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Aug. 2019	6th Japan-U.S.-Australia Senior-level Seminar (Hawaii) (Chief of Staff)
	Aug. 2019	7th Japan-U.S.-Australia Senior Leader Seminar (Hawaii) (GSDF Chief of Staff)
	Jul. 2020	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
	Sep. 2020	8th Trilateral Senior Leaders Seminar (VTC) (Chief of Staff, GSDF)



## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Australia)
Japan-Australia bilateral cruise training	Sep. 16-18, 2018	Waters north of Australia	Destroyer JS "Sazanami"	One vessel	Frigate HMAS "Newcastle"
Japan-Australia bilateral cruise training	May 20-22, 2019	Waters south of Honshu through surrounding Guam	Destroyers JS "Ariake," and JS "Asahi"	Two vessels	Frigates HMAS "Melbourne," and HMAS "Parramatta"
Japan-Australia bilateral exercise (Nichi Gou Trident exercise)	Sep. 17-29, 2019 Oct. 15-23, 2019	Waters and airspace south of Kanto through west of Kyushu via surrounding Okinawa	Destroyers JS "Harusame," JS "Teruzuki," JS "Asahi," and JS "Atago," Underway Replenishment Ship JS "Mashu," submarine Patrol aircraft	Approximately 6 vessels Aircraft	Vessel and submarine
Japan-Australia bilateral exercise	Sep. 13-17, 2020	South China Sea	Destroyer JS "Kaga" and JS "Ikazuchi"	Two vessels	Destroyer HMAS "Hobart," Replenishment Vessel HMAS "Sirius"
Japan-Australia bilateral exercise	Nov. 12, 2020	Waters and airspace west of Kyushu	Destroyer JS "Shimakaze"	One vessel	Frigate HMAS "Arunta"
Japan-Australia bilateral exercise	Mar. 29-31, 2021	South China Sea	Destroyer JS "Akebono"	One vessel	Frigate HMAS "Anzac"

## Air Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Australia)
Japan-Australia bilateral exercise (Bushido Guardian 19)	Sep. 11- Oct. 8, 2019	Chitose Air Base, Misawa Air Base and their surrounding airspace	Air Defense Command	F-15 × 10 F-2 × 3	F/A-18A/B fighters × 7 KC-30 aerial tanker × 1 C-17 transport aircraft × 1 C-130J transport aircraft × 1 Totaling approximately 150 personnel

- Notes: 1. High-level talks in this document refers to meetings between the Minister of Defense, State Minister of Defense, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Defense, Administrative Vice-Minister, Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs, and each Chief of Staff with their respective counterparts.  
2. Video teleconference (VTC) refers to video conference or web-based conference.  
3. The numbers of personnel, etc., are based on those at the time of release.

**Reference 32 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with India (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

[India]

High-level talks	Jun. 2018	Visit to India by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs	
	Aug. 2018	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Delhi)	
	Nov. 2018	Visit to India by MSDF Chief of Staff	
	Nov. 2018	Visit to Japan by Indian Secretary of Defence Production	
	Dec. 2018	Visit to Japan by Chief of the Air Staff of Indian Air Force	
	Jan. 2019	Visit to India by Chief of Staff, JS (participated in the Raisina Dialogue)	
	Feb. 2019	Visit to India by Commissioner of ATLA	
	Sep. 2019	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	
	Oct. 2019	Telephone Conversation between Japanese and Indian Defense Ministers	
	Oct. 2019	Visit to India by GSDF Chief of Staff	
	Nov. 2019	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMM-Plus))	
	Nov. 2019	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Delhi (1st Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting))	
	Dec. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chief of the Army Staff of Indian Army	
	Jan. 2020	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	
	Jan. 2020	Visit to India by Chief of Staff, JS (participated in the Raisina Dialogue)	
	Feb. 2020	Visit to India by MSDF Chief of Staff	
	Apr. 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Indian Air Chief	
	May 2020	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	
	Aug. 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Indian Air Chief	
	Sep. 2020	Video Teleconference between ASDF Chief of Staff and Indian Air Chief	
	Sep. 2020	☆Signing of the Japan-India Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (Japan-India ACSA)	
	Sep. 2020	Telephone Conversation between GSDF Chief of Staff and Indian Army Chief	
	Sep. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and Indian Navy Chief	
	Nov. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Indian Chief of Defence Staff	
	Dec. 2020	Visit to India by ASDF Chief of Staff	
	Dec. 2020	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	
	Feb. 2021	Video Teleconference for Air Chiefs hosted by Indian Chief of Air Staff (Aero India) (VTC)	
	Mar. 2021	Telephone Conversation between GSDF Chief of Staff and Indian Army Chief	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Jun. 2018	5th "2+2" Vice-Ministerial dialogue (Delhi), 6th Defence Policy Dialogue (Delhi)	
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Jul. 2018	4th India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue	
	Apr. 2019	Exchange between fighter pilots (ASDF)	
	Jun. 2019	Exchange between fighter pilots (ASDF)	
	Sep. 2019	Exchange between the Indian Air Force and air defense-related units, etc. (ASDF)	
	Oct. 2020	Exchange between Japanese and Indian helicopter units on salt damage countermeasures (VTC) (ASDF)	
Japan-U.S.-India trilateral cooperation	Regular discussions between defense authorities	Apr. 2018	9th Japan-U.S.-India Meeting (Delhi)

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Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (India)
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with Indian Navy vessel	Sep. 27, 2018	Gulf of Aden	31st Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Ikazuchi," Escort Division 1	One vessel	Frigate INS "TEG"
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with Indian Navy vessel	Nov. 17, 2018	Gulf of Aden	31st Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Ikazuchi," Escort Division 1	One vessel	Patrol vessel INS "SUNAYNA"
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with Indian Navy vessel	Feb. 23, 2019	Gulf of Aden	32nd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Samidare," Escort Division 4	One vessel	Frigate INS "TRIKAND"

**Ground Self-Defense Force**

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (India)
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Army in India (Dharma Guardian 18)	Oct. 27- Nov. 18, 2018	Counter-Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (Mizoram, India) and its surrounding area	Second Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Division (one major unit of platoon)	Totally approximately 30 personnel	Totally approximately 30 personnel
Bilateral exercises with the Indian Army in India (Dharma Guardian 19)	Oct. 15- Nov. 5, 2019	Counter-Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (Mizoram, India) and its surrounding area	Fifth Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division	Totally approximately 30 personnel	Totally approximately 30 personnel

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (India)
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy	May 5, 2018	Waters and airspace west of Goa (Indian Ocean)	—	P-1 × 1 or 2	P-8I × 1, Frigate INS "Triesle," 1 submarine
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy	May 13-14, 2018	Visakhapatnam Port (India) and its surrounding waters	29th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement, Destroyer JS "Setogiri," Escort Division 7	One vessel	Destroyer INS "Ranjit," submarine Several aircraft
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy	Oct. 7-15, 2018	Visakhapatnam Port (India) and waters and airspace of the Bay of Bengal (Indian Ocean)	Destroyers JS "Kaga," and JS "Inazuma"	Two vessels	Missile Frigate INS "Sahyadri" Corvettes INS "Kirch," and INS "Kadmat" Fleet Support Ship INS "Shakti" Submarine P-8I
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy	Mar. 31, 2019	Andaman Sea	33rd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Asagiri"	One vessel	Patrol vessel INS "Kadmat"
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy	Apr. 24, 2019	Waters and airspace off the coast of Goa (India)	5th Air Patrol Squadron	P-3C × 1	1 submarine P-8I × 1
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy	Apr. 28, 2019	Visakhapatnam Port (India) and its surrounding waters	32nd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Samidare," Escort Division 4	One vessel	Destroyer INS "Rajput"
Japan-India bilateral exercise	May 23-24, 2019	Waters and airspace north of Sumatera (Andaman Sea)	Destroyers JS "Izuo," and JS "Murasame"	Two vessels	Frigate INS "Sahyadri"
Bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy	Dec. 23, 2019	Waters and airspace surrounding Mumbai Port (India)	34th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Sazanami"	One vessel	Frigate INS "Tarkash," submarine
Japan-India goodwill exercise	Jun. 27, 2020	Indian Ocean	Training ship JS "Kashima," and JS "Shimayuki"	Two vessels	Destroyer INS "Rana," Corvette INS "Kulish"
Japan-India Joint Maritime Exercise (JIMEX)	Sep. 26-28, 2020	Waters and airspace west of India	Destroyers JS "Kaga," and JS "Ikazuchi"	Two vessels	Destroyer INS "Chennai," frigate INS "Tarkash," fleet tanker INS "Deepak," and aircraft

## Air Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (India)
Japan-India bilateral exercise (Shinyuu Maitri 2018)	Dec. 1-8, 2018	Agra Air Force Station	3rd Tactical Airlift Wing	C-2 × 1 Totaling approximately 20 personnel	C-17 × 1, An-32 Transport Aircraft × 1, etc.
Japan-India bilateral exercise (Shinyuu Maitri 2019)	Oct. 15-25, 2019	Arjan Singh Air Force Station, West Bengal, India	1st Tactical Airlift Wing	C-130H × 1 Totaling approximately 20 personnel	C-130J, etc.

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2. Video teleconference (VTC) refers to video conference or web-based conference.  
3. The numbers of personnel, etc., are based on those at the time of release.

**Reference 33 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with ASEAN Member States (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

[Indonesia]

High-level talks	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Vice-Defense Minister of Indonesia (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Vice-Defense Minister of Indonesia (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Nov. 2019	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMMPPlus))
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	May 2020	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Aug. 2020	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
	Sep. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces
	Nov. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy
	Nov. 2020	Telephone Conversation between GSDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Army
	Nov. 2020	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
	Mar. 2021	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo (Second Japan-Indonesia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting ("2+2")))
		☆ Signing of the Japan-Indonesia Agreement concerning Transfer of Defence Equipment and Technology
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Aug. 2019	9th Japan-Indonesia Military-Military Consultation (MM) (Jakarta)

**Maritime Self-Defense Force**

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Indonesia)
Goodwill exercise with the Indonesian Navy	Sep. 22, 2018	Jakarta Port and its surrounding waters	Destroyers JS "Kaga," JS "Inazuma," and JS "Suzutsuki"	Three vessels	Patrol boat KRI "Kurau"
Goodwill exercise with the Indonesian Navy	May 10, 2019	Jakarta Port and its surrounding waters	32nd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Samidare," Escort Division 4	One vessel	Corvette KRI "Bung Tomo"
Goodwill exercise with the Indonesian Navy	Oct. 6, 2020	South China Sea	Destroyers JS "Kaga" and JS "Ikazuchi"	Two vessels	Frigate KRI "John Lie," Corvette KRI "Sutanto"

[Vietnam]

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Jun. 2018	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Jul. 2018	Visit to Japan by Vietnamese Vice-Minister of National Defence (Tokyo (Sixth Japan-Vietnam Deputy Secretary-level talks))
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Vietnamese Vice-Minister of National Defence (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Jan. 2019	Visit to Vietnam by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Mar. 2019	Visit to Japan by Vietnamese Chief of General Staff
	May 2019	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hanoi)
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Vietnamese Vice-Minister of National Defence (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Nov. 2019	Visit to Vietnam by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs (Hanoi (Seventh Japan-Vietnam Deputy Secretary-level talks))
	Dec. 2019	Visit to Vietnam by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Feb. 2020	Visit to Japan by Vietnamese Vice-Minister of National Defence
	Mar. 2020	Visit to Vietnam by Chief of Staff, JS
Jun. 2020	Japan-Vietnam Deputy Secretary-level talks (VTC)	
Nov. 2020	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Nov. 2019	7th Vice-Defense Ministerial Consultation (Hanoi)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Sep. 2018	Visit to Vietnam by a submarine (Cam Ranh) (MSDF)
	Mar. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF C-130H to Vietnam (overseas flight training and implementation of unit-to-unit exchanges)
	Oct. 2019	Japan-Vietnam unit-to-unit exchanges (ASDF)
	Mar. 2021	Dispatch of ASDF U-4, C-2, C-130H units to Vietnam (overseas flight training)

**Maritime Self-Defense Force**

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Vietnam)
Goodwill exercise with the Vietnam People's Navy	Jun. 17, 2019	Off the coast of Cam Ranh	Destroyers JS "Izumo," and JS "Murasame"	Two vessels	Corvette HQ-381



## [Singapore]

High-level talks	May 2018	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Jun. 2018	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Jul. 2018	Visit to Singapore by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs (Singapore (8th ADMMPPlus))
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Singaporean Defence Permanent Secretary (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Oct. 2018	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (5th ADMM-Plus))
	May 2019	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	May 2019	Visit to Singapore by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Jun. 2019	Visit to Singapore by Chief of Staff, JS (Singapore (18th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Singapore by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Singaporean Defence Permanent Secretary (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
Nov. 2019	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMMPPlus))	
Feb. 2020	Visit to Singapore by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs	
May 2020	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	
Aug. 2020	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and Chief of Defence Force of Singapore	
Sep. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and Singaporean Chief of Navy	
Nov. 2020	Video Teleconference between GSDF Chief of Staff and Singaporean Chief of Army	
Dec. 2020	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Nov. 2020	16th Japan-Singapore Military-Military Consultation (MM) (Singapore)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Jul. 2019	Japan-Singapore unit-to-unit exchanges (Paya Lebar) (ASDF)

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Singapore)
Japan-Singapore goodwill exercise	Aug. 22, 2018	Waters south of Kanto	Destroyer JS "Murasame"	One vessel	Frigate RSS "Tenacious"
Japan-Singapore goodwill exercise	Oct. 23, 2018	Waters and airspace around Changi Port (Singapore)	Destroyers JS "Kaga" and JS "Inazuma"	Two vessels	Corvette RSS "Valiant"
Japan-Singapore goodwill exercise	Feb. 8, 2019	Waters west of Kyushu	Destroyer JS "Suzutsuki"	One vessel	Landing ships tank RSS "Endeavour"
Japan-Singapore goodwill exercise	Jun. 22, 2020	South China Sea	Training ship JS "Kashima" and JS "Shimayuki"	Two vessels	Frigate RSS "Stalwart"

## [The Philippines]

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	Visit to Japan by Commanding General of the Philippine Navy
	Apr. 2018	Visit to the Philippines by Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense
	Jun. 2018	Visit to the Philippines by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Jun. 2018	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Sep. 2018	Visit to the Philippines by Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Philippine Undersecretary of National Defense (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Undersecretary for Finance and Materiel of the Philippine Department of National Defense
	Nov. 2018	Visit to the Philippines by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Nov. 2018	Visit to Japan by Undersecretary for Finance and Materiel of the Philippine Department of National Defense
	Mar. 2019	Visit to Japan by Undersecretary for Finance and Materiel of the Philippine Department of National Defense and Commanding General of Philippine Air Force (Turnover ceremony for the parts, etc., of UH-1Hs)
	Mar. 2019	Visit to the Philippines by GSDF Chief of Staff
	Mar. 2019	Visit to Japan by Undersecretary for Finance and Materiel of the Philippine Department of National Defense and Commanding General of Philippine Air Force
	Apr. 2019	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Jun. 2019	Visit to the Philippines by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Philippine Undersecretary of National Defense (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Nov. 2019	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMMPPlus))
	Nov. 2019	Visit to the Philippines by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs (Manila (Sixth Japan-Philippines Deputy Secretary-level talks))
	Dec. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines
	Apr. 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Air Force of the Philippines
	May 2020	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
Jul. 2020	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, MSDF and Chief of the Navy of the Philippines	
Aug. 2020	Telephone talks between GSDF Chief of Staff and Chief of the Army of the Philippines	
Oct. 2020	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	
Nov. 2020	Video Teleconference between ASDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Air Force of the Philippines	
Jan. 2021	Seventh Japan-Philippines Deputy Secretary-level talks (VTC)	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Jun. 2019	8th Japan-Philippines Politico-Military Consultation (PM) (Tokyo)
	Jun. 2019	8th Japan-Philippines Military-Military Consultation (Tokyo)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Jul. 2018	Japan-Philippines unit-to-unit exchanges (Manila) (ASDF)
	Mar. 2019	Japan-Philippines unit-to-unit exchanges (Iruma) (ASDF)
	Jul. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF C-1 to the Philippines (overseas flight training and implementation of unit-to-unit exchanges)

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (the Philippines)
Goodwill exercise with the Philippine Navy	May 8, 2018	Waters and airspace around Palawan Island (South China Sea and Sulu Sea)	—	P-1 × 1 or 2	1 patrol vessel C-90 × 1
Bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy	Sep. 7, 2018	Waters and airspace around Palawan Island (Sulu Sea)	Destroyers JS “Kaga,” JS “Inazuma,” and JS “Suzutsuki”	Three vessels	C-90 × 1
Bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy	Jan. 27, 2019 (phase 1) Jan. 31, 2019 (phase 2)	Manila (the Philippines) and its surrounding waters and airspace	31st Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS “Ikazuchi,” Escort Division 1	One vessel	Phase 1: C-90, patrol craft BRP “Nestor Reinoso” Phase 2: Corvette BRP “Emilio Jacinto”
Bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy	May 15, 2019	Waters and airspace east of Palawan Island	32nd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS “Samidare,” Escort Division 4	One vessel	Submarine chaser BRP “Federico Martir” Islander 312 (fixed-wing)
Bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy	Jun. 28, 2019	Waters and airspace around Palawan Island (Sulu Sea)	Destroyers JS “Izumo,” JS “Murasame,” and JS “Akebono”	Three vessels	Landing dock ship BRP “Davao del Sur”
Bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy	Sep. 26, 2019	Port of Subic (the Philippines) and its surrounding waters and airspace	33rd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS “Asagiri”	One vessel	Corvette BRP “Emilio Jacinto”
Japan-Philippines Bilateral Exercise	Jul. 18, 2020	South China Sea	Destroyers JS “Teruzuki,”	One vessel	C-90

## [Thailand]

High-level talks	May 2018	Visit to Japan by Thai Chief of Defense Forces
	May 2018	Visit to Japan by Royal Thai Air Force Commander
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Thailand by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Apr. 2019	Visit to Thailand by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Aug. 2019	Visit to Thailand by Chief of Staff, JS
	Sep. 2019	Visit to Thailand by GSDF Chief of Staff
	Nov. 2019	Japan-Thailand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMM-Plus)) ☆Signing of the Memorandum of Arrangement between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defense
	Mar. 2020	Visit to Thailand by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Mar. 2020	Visit to Thailand by Chief of Staff, JS
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Sep. 2020	Video teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army
	Sep. 2018	14th Japan-Thailand Military-Military Consultation (MM) (Tokyo)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Oct. 2018	Japan-Thailand unit-to-unit exchanges (Chiang Mai) (GSDF)
	Oct. 2018	Japan-Thailand unit-to-unit exchanges (Chiang Mai) (ASDF)

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Thailand)
Goodwill exercise with the Royal Thai Navy	Jan. 6, 2020	Phuket Port (Thailand) and its surrounding waters and airspace	34th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS “Sazanami”	One vessel	Patrol craft HTMS “Songkhla” S-76 Helicopter

## [Cambodia]

High-level talks	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Cambodian Secretary of State, Ministry of National Defense (Vice-Ministerial level) (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Jul. 2019	Visit to Cambodia by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Cambodian Secretary of State, Ministry of National Defense (Vice Minister) (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Feb. 2020	Visit to Cambodia by GSDF Chief of Staff
	Sep. 2020	Telephone Talks between GSDF Chief of Staff and Commander of the Royal Cambodian Army
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Dec. 2019	5th Japan-Cambodia Politico-Military Consultation (Tokyo) 6th Japan-Cambodia Military-Military Consultation (Tokyo)

## [Myanmar]

High-level talks	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Myanmar Deputy Minister of Defense (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services of Myanmar
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Myanmar Deputy Minister of Defense (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Nov. 2019	Japan-Myanmar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMM-Plus))
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Nov. 2019	Japan-Myanmar unit-to-unit exchanges (Mingaladon) (ASDF)

## [Laos]

High-level talks	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Defense of Laos (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Dec. 2018	Visit to Laos by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Oct. 2019	Japan-Laos State Minister of Defense Meeting (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum)) ☆Signing of the Memorandum between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of National Defence of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defence
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Defense of Laos (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Mar. 2020	3rd Japan-Laos Security Dialogue (Vientiane)

## [Malaysia]

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	☆Signing of the Agreement on the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technologies
	Sep. 2018	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Defence of Malaysia (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Jun. 2019	Visit to Japan by Royal Malaysian Navy Chief
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Malaysia by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of National Defence of Malaysia (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (19th Doha Forum)
	Feb. 2020	Visit to Malaysia by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Jul. 2020	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
Sep. 2020	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and Malaysian Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces	
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Jul. 2018	Japan-Malaysia unit-to-unit exchanges (Kuala Lumpur) (ASDF)
	Jan. 2019	Japan-Malaysia unit-to-unit exchanges (Butterworth) (ASDF)
	Mar. 2019	Japan-Malaysia Unit-to-Unit Exchange (Australia) (ASDF)

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Malaysia)
Goodwill exercise with the Malaysian Navy	Sep. 21, 2018	Kuantan Port (Malaysia) and its surrounding waters	30th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Akebono," Escort Division 5	One vessel	Patrol vessel KD "Terengganu" Guided missile boat KD "Ganiyan"
Goodwill exercise with the Malaysian Navy	Apr. 18, 2019	Iyonada	Training Support Ship JS "Kurobe"	One vessel	Frigate KD "LEKIU"
Goodwill exercise with the Malaysian Navy	May 29, 2019	Waters and airspace off the coast of Port Klang (Malaysia)	Destroyers JS "Izumo," and JS "Murasame"	Two vessels	Frigate KD "LEKIU"
Goodwill exercise with the Malaysian Navy	Sep. 20, 2019	Kuantan Port (Malaysia) and its surrounding waters	33rd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Asagiri"	One vessel	Guided missile boats KD "Handaran," KD "Ganyang," and KD "Perdana"

## [Brunei]

High-level talks	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defense of Brunei (Nagoya (10th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum))
	Jan.-Feb. 2019	Visit to Brunei by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defense of Brunei (Tokyo (11th Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Meeting))
	Mar. 2020	Visit to Brunei by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Jul. 2020	Japan-Brunei Deputy Secretary-level Consultation (telephone)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Apr. 2019	Japan-Brunei unit-to-unit exchanges (MSDF)
	Jan. 2020	Japan-Brunei unit-to-unit exchanges (MSDF)

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Brunei)
Bilateral exercise with the Royal Brunei Armed Forces	Apr. 26, 2019	Waters and airspace off the coast of Brunei	Air Patrol Squadron 5	P-3C × 1	1 aircraft (helicopter) (Air Force) One vessel (Navy)
Goodwill exercise with the Royal Brunei Navy	Jun. 26, 2019	Waters and airspace off the coast of Muara	Destroyers JS "Izumo," JS "Murasame," and JS "Akebono"	Three vessels	Patrol vessel KDB "Daruttaqwa"

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3. The numbers of personnel, etc., are based on those at the time of release.

**Reference 34 Recent Japan-ROK Defense Cooperation and Exchanges (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	Visit to Japan by Chief of ROK Army
	Jun. 2018	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Sep. 2018	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and ROK Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff
	Oct. 2018	Visit to ROK by MSDF Chief of Staff (participation in Western Pacific Naval Symposium)
	Oct. 2018	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (5th ADMM-Plus))
	Nov. 2019	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMM-Plus))
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Sep. 2018	Visit to the ROK by Western Army Commanding General (GSDF)
	Nov. 2018	Port visit to Japan by the training squadron of the Korean navy (Sasebo) (MSDF)
Japan-U.S.-ROK trilateral cooperation (See reference 46 for training and exercise)	May 2018	Japan-U.S.-ROK Chief of Staff Meeting (Hawaii)
	Jun. 2018	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Oct. 2018	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (5th ADMM-Plus))
	Oct. 2018	Japan-U.S.-ROK Chief of Staff Meeting (Washington D.C.)
	May 2019	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense working level meeting (Seoul)
	Jun. 2019	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (18th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Oct. 2019	Japan-U.S.-ROK Chief of Staff Meeting (Washington D.C.)
	Nov. 2019	Japan-U.S.-ROK Chief of Staff Meeting (VTC)
	Nov. 2019	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMM-Plus))
	May 2020	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense working level meeting (VTC)
	Nov. 2020	Japan-U.S.-ROK Chief of Staff Meeting (VTC)

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**Reference 35 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with European Countries, Canada and New Zealand (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

[United Kingdom]

High-level talks	Jun. 2018	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Jul. 2018	Visit to the U.K. by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Sep. 2018	Visit to the U.K. by State Minister of Defense
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by U.K. Secretary of State for Defence
	Feb. 2019	Visit to Japan by U.K. Chief of the General Staff, British Army
	Jul. 2018	Visit to the U.K. by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Sep. 2018	Visit to Japan by U.K. Parliamentary Under Secretary
	Nov. 2019	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Jan. 2020	Visit to the U.K. by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Apr. 2020	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	May 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and U.K. Air Chief
	Jul. 2020	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and U.K. Chief of the Defence Staff
	Sep. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and The First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff of the U.K.
	Jan. 2021	Japan-UK Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
	Feb. 2021	Fourth Japan-UK Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting ("2+2") (VTC)
Mar. 2021	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and The First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff of the U.K.	
Mar. 2021	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Feb. 2019	17th Japan-U.K. Politico-Military Consultation, 13th Japan-U.K. Military-Military Consultation (London)
	Sep. 2020	18th Japan-U.K. Politico-Military Consultation (VTC)
	Oct. 2020	14th Japan-U.K. Military-Military Consultation (VTC)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Jul. 2018	Dispatch of ASDF C-2 to the United Kingdom (participation in RIAT and unit-to-unit exchange)
	Nov. 2018	Japan-U.K. Unit-to-Unit Exchange (Chitose) (ASDF)
	Dec. 2019	Japan-U.K. Unit-to-Unit Exchange (Coningsby) (ASDF)

Joint Staff

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.K.)
Japan-U.K. Joint Training Against Piracy	Aug. 29, 2020	Western waters of the northern Arabian Sea	36th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Onami"	One vessel	Frigate HMS "Argyll"



## Ground Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.K.)
Field exercise with the U.K. Army in Japan (Vigilant Isles)	Sep. 30-Oct. 12, 2018	Fuji School, Kita Fuji Maneuver Area, Ojojihara Maneuver Area	[JSDF] Major units of Reconnaissance School Unit, Fuji School Brigade [British Armed Forces] Major units of Honourable Artillery Company, 1st Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Brigade	Totaling approximately 60 personnel	Totaling approximately 50 personnel
Field exercise with the U.K. Army in the United Kingdom (Vigilant Isles 19)	Sep. 29-Oct. 24, 2019	Garelochhead Training Camp, Strone Camp and area around the Loch Ewe (the U.K.)	[JSDF] Fuji School, etc. [British Armed Forces] Honourable Artillery Company, 1st Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Brigade	Totaling approximately 20 personnel	Totaling approximately 30 personnel

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (U.K.)
Japan-U.K. bilateral exercise	Apr. 27-28, 2018	Waters south of Kanto	Destroyer JS "Suzunami," Underway Replenishment Ship JS "Tokiwa," Submarine Patrol aircraft	3 vessels P-1 × 1	Frigate HMS "Sutherland"
Japan-U.K. bilateral exercise	Aug. 25, 2018	Waters south of Honshu	Landing Ship JS "Shimokita"	One vessel	Amphibious assault ship HMS "Albion"
Japan-U.K. bilateral exercise	Sep. 26, 2018	Waters and Airspace west of Sumatra (Indian Ocean)	Destroyers JS "Kaga," and JS "Inazuma"	Two vessels	Frigate HMS "Argyll"
Japan-U.K. bilateral exercise	Oct. 18, 2019	Waters and airspace south of Kanto	Destroyer JS "Teruzuki"	One vessel	Survey vessel HMS "Enterprise"

## [France]

High-level talks	May 2018	Visit to France by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Jun. 2018	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Jul. 2018	☆Japan-France Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) signed; entered into force in June 2019
	Jan. 2019	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Brest (Fifth Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting ("2+2")))
	Apr. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chief of Staff of the French Army
	Nov. 2019	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Manama (15th (Manama Dialogue)))
	Jan. 2020	Visit to France by ASDF Chief of Staff
	Feb. 2020	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich (56th Munich Security Conference))
	Apr. 2020	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Jun. 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the French Air and Space Force
	Jul. 2020	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and French Chief of the Defence Staff
	Oct. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the French Navy
	Nov. 2020	Visit to Japan by Chief of Staff of the French Navy
Dec. 2020	Video Teleconference between GSDF Chief of Staff and Chief of the French Army Staff	
Jan. 2021	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Dec. 2018	21st Japan-France Politico-Military Consultation (Paris)
	Jul. 2020	22nd Japan-France Politico-Military Consultation (VTC)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Jun. 2019	Dispatch of MSDF P-1 to France (participation in International Paris Air Show)
	Jun. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF C-2 to France (overseas flight training and implementation of unit-to-unit exchanges, and participation in Paris Air Show)

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Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (France)
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the French Air Force	Jan. 27, 2020	Gulf of Aden	35th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Harusame"	One vessel	Aircraft "PUMA"
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the French Navy	Feb. 21, 2020	Gulf of Aden	35th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Harusame"	One vessel	Frigate FS "FORBIN"
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the French Navy	Mar. 18, 2020	Gulf of Aden	35th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Harusame"	One vessel	Amphibious Assault Ship FS "Mistral"

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (France)
Bilateral exercise with the French Navy	Apr. 14, 2019	Waters and airspace west of Kyushu	Destroyer JS "Kirisame"	One vessel	Frigate FS "Vendémiaire"

## [Germany]

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	Visit to Germany by Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense (Berlin International Aerospace Show)
	May 2018	Visit to Germany by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Jun. 2018	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (17th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Feb. 2019	Visit to Germany by State Minister of Defense (55th Munich Security Conference)
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by German Parliamentary State Secretary
	Nov. 2019	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Feb. 2020	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich (56th Munich Security Conference))
	Apr. 2020	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Oct. 2020	Telephone Conversation between GSDF Chief of Staff and German Inspector of the Army
	Nov. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and German Inspector of the Navy
	Nov. 2020	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
	Dec. 2020	Japan-Germany Ministerial Forum (VTC)
	Feb. 2021	Video Teleconference between Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs and German Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Defence
Mar. 2021	☆ Signing of Japanese-German Agreement on the Security of Information	
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Dec. 2018	16th Japan-Germany Political Director Level Politico-Military Consultation (Tokyo)
	Nov. 2019	17th Japan-Germany Political Director Level Politico-Military Consultation, 14th Japan-Germany Defense Authorities Talks (Berlin)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Apr. 2018	Dispatch of MSDF P-1 patrol aircraft to Germany (participation in Berlin International Aerospace Show)

## [Canada]

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	☆ Japan-Canada Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) signed
	Dec. 2018	Visit to Japan by Associate Deputy Minister of National Defence of Canada (Tokyo (4th Japan-Canada Foreign and Defense Vice-Ministerial Meeting ("2+2")))
	Jun. 2019	Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Canada by GSDF Chief of Staff
	Feb. 2020	Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich (56th Munich Security Conference))
	Feb. 2020	Visit to Japan by Commander, Royal Canadian Air Force
	May 2020	Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Jun. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces
	Nov. 2020	Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Nov. 2020	Video Teleconference between MSDF Chief of Staff and Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy
	Jan. 2021	Video Teleconference between ASDF Chief of Staff and Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Dec. 2019	11th Japan-Canada Politico-Military Consultation, 12th Japan-Canada Military-Military Consultation (Tokyo)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	May 2018	Visit to CFB Bagotville by ASDF B-747 and unit-to-unit exchange
	Jul. 2018	Visit to CFB Greenwood by ASDF C-2 and unit-to-unit exchange
	Jul. 2019	Visit to Komaki Air Base by Canadian CC-177 and exchanges between inflight refueling and airlift troops

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Canada)
Bilateral exercise with the Royal Canadian Navy (KAEDEX2018)	Nov. 24-29, 2018	Sasebo Port and waters and airspace west of Kyushu	Destroyer JS "Kirisame"	One vessel	Frigate HMCS "Calgary" Supply Ship HMCS "Asterix"
Japan-Canada bilateral exercise (KAEDEX19-1)	Jun. 13-15, 2019	Waters and airspace off the coast of Vietnam (South China Sea)	Destroyers JS "Izumo," JS "Murasame," and JS "Akebono"	Three vessels	Frigate HMCS "Regina" Supply Ship HMCS "Asterix"
Japan-Canada bilateral exercise	Aug. 13, 2019	Waters and airspace around Hawaii	Destroyers JS "Ashigara"	One vessel	Frigate HMCS "Regina," HMCS "Winnipeg"
Japan-Canada bilateral exercise (KAEDEX19-2)	Oct. 16-17, 2019	Waters and airspace south of Kanto	Destroyers JS "Shimakaze," and JS "Chokai"	Two vessels	Frigate HMCS "Ottawa"
Japan-Canada bilateral exercise (KAEDEX20)	Nov. 17, 2020	Waters and airspace west of Kyusyu	Destroyers JS "Shimakaze"	One vessel	Frigate HMCS "Winnipeg"

## [New Zealand]

High-level talks	May 2018	Visit to Japan by New Zealand Air Force Commander
	Feb. 2019	Visit to New Zealand by Chief of Staff, JS
	Mar. 2019	Meeting between ASDF Chief of Staff and New Zealand Air Force Commander (Tokyo)
	Jun. 2019	Visit to New Zealand by Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense
	Sep. 2019	Visit to Japan by New Zealand Army Commander
	Nov. 2019	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok (6th ADMM-Plus))
	Nov. 2019	Visit to Japan by New Zealand Air Force Commander
	May 2020	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
	Sep. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs and Secretary of Defence, New Zealand Ministry of Defence
	Dec. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs and Secretary of Defence, New Zealand Ministry of Defence
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Dec. 2018	11th Japan-New Zealand Bilateral Defence Talks (Tokyo)
	Sep. 2019	12th Japan-New Zealand Bilateral Defence Talks (Wellington)
	Dec. 2020	13th Japan-New Zealand Bilateral Defence Talks (VTC)

## [NATO]

High-level exchanges between heads of defense and others	Sep. 2018	Visit to NATO Allied Joint Force Command Naples by Minister of Defense
	Jun. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chairman of the NATO Military Committee
	Feb. 2020	Meeting between Minister of Defense and NATO Secretary General (Munich (the 56th Munich Security Conference))
	Apr. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee
	Jul. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Minister of Defense and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee
	Nov. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Oct. 2020	16th Japan-NATO High-Level Consultation (VTC)

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Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)
NATO cyber defense exercise (Cyber Coalition 2019)	Dec. 2019	Estonia, Japan	Japan (Internal Bureau, Joint Staff, Command Control Communication Computers Systems Command), NATO member countries, partner countries, and EU	Approximately 20 personnel

## [Italy]

High-level talks	May 2018	Visit to Japan by Chief of Staff of the Italian Army
	Jul. 2018	Visit to Japan by Chief of Staff of the Italian Navy
	Sep. 2018	Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting (Rome)
	Jan. 2019	Visit to Italy by Commissioner of ATLA
	Feb. 2019	Visit to Italy by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Italy by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Jan. 2020	Visit to Italy by ASDF Chief of Staff
	May 2020	Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Aug. 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Oct. 2020	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force
	Jan. 2019	5th Japan-Italy Military-Military Consultation (Tokyo)
	Feb. 2020	6th Japan-Italy Military-Military Consultation (Rome)

## [Spain]

High-level talks	Jul. 2018	1st Japan-Spain vice-ministerial consultation (Barcelona)
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Jun. 2019	3rd Japan-Spain Military-Military Consultation (Madrid)

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Spain)
Japan-Spain Goodwill training	Feb. 26, 2021	Around Guam	Destroyers JS "Yugiri"	One vessel	Training vessel "Juan Sebastián de Elcano"

## [The Netherlands]

High-level talks	Sep. 2018	Japan-Netherlands Defense Ministerial Meeting (Amsterdam)
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## [Estonia]

High-level talks	May 2018	Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tallinn)
	Sep. 2018	Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)

## [Ukraine]

High-level talks	Oct. 2018	Visit to Japan by Deputy Minister of Defence of Ukraine ☆ Signing of Japan-Ukraine Memorandum of Defense Cooperation and Exchange
	Feb. 2020	Japan-Ukraine Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich (56th Munich Security Conference))
	Mar. 2021	Japan-Ukraine Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Oct. 2018	1st Japan-Ukraine Politico-Military Consultation (Tokyo)
	Sep. 2019	1st Japan-Ukraine Military-Military Consultation (Kiev)

## [Finland]

High-level talks	May 2018	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting (Helsinki)
	Oct. 2018	Visit to Finland by Chief of Staff, JS
	Feb. 2019	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo) ☆Signing of Japan-Finland Memorandum of Understanding on Defense Cooperation and Exchange
	Aug. 2020	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Sep. 2019	3rd Japan-Finland Military-Military Consultation (Helsinki)

## [Denmark]

High-level talks	Oct. 2019	Japan-Denmark Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
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## [Greece]

High-level talks	Jul. 2018	Visit to Greece by Commissioner of ATLA
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## [Sweden]

High-level talks	Feb. 2019	Meeting between Deputy Defense Minister and Swedish Minister of Defence (Munich (56th Munich Security Conference))
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Feb. 2019	5th Japan-Sweden Military-Military Consultation (Stockholm)

## [Norway]

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	Visit to Japan by State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence of Norway
	Apr. 2018	Visit to Japan by Chief of the Navy of Norway

## [EU]

High-level talks	Feb. 2020	Meeting between Minister of Defense and EU High Representative (Munich (56th Munich Security Conference))
	Jun. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Chairman of EU Military Committee
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Jan. 2020	2nd Japan-EU Security and Defense Talk (Tokyo)

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Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (EU)
Joint exercise with the EU Naval Force (EU NAVFOR) (Italy)	Jul. 11, 2018	Gulf of Aden	30th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Akebono," Escort Division 5	One vessel	Frigate ITS "CARLO MARGOTTINI"
Joint exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Aug. 29, 2018	Gulf of Aden	30th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Akebono," Escort Division 5	One vessel	Landing platform dock SPS "CASTILLA"
Joint counter-piracy exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Feb. 2, 2019	Gulf of Aden	32nd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Samidare," Escort Division 4	One vessel	Patrol vessel ESPS "RELAMPAGO"
Joint counter-piracy exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Mar. 24, 2019	Gulf of Aden	32nd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Samidare," Escort Division 4	One vessel	Frigate SPS "NAVARRA"
Joint counter-piracy exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Jan. 18, 2020	Gulf of Aden	35th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Harusame"	One vessel	Frigate SPS "VICTORIA"
Joint counter-piracy exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Feb. 7-8 2020	Gulf of Aden	35th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Harusame"	One vessel	Frigate SPS "VICTORIA"
Joint counter-piracy exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Jun. 12, 2020	Waters west of the Gulf of Aden	36th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Onami"	One vessel	Frigate SPS "NUMANCIA"
Joint counter-piracy exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Jun. 21, 2020	Waters west of the Gulf of Aden	36th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Onami"	One vessel	Frigate SPS "SANTA MARI"
Joint counter-piracy exercise with the EU NAVFOR (Spain)	Feb. 19, 2021	Western waters of the northern Arabian Sea	37th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Ariake"	One vessel	Landing platform dock SPS "CASTILLA"

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2. Video teleconference (VTC) refers to video conference or web-based conference.

3. The numbers of personnel, etc., are based on those at the time of release.

**Reference 36 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with China (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

High-level talks	Oct. 2018	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (5th ADMM-Plus))
	Jun. 2019	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore (18th Shangri-La Dialogue))
	Dec. 2019	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Beijing)
	Dec. 2020	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Apr. 2018	7th Joint Working Group meeting on the Maritime and Air Communication Mechanism between Japan and China's defense authorities (Beijing)
	May 2018	☆Signing of the "Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the defense authorities of Japan and China" (Memorandum)
	Oct. 2018	3rd Japan-China defense director-general-level consultations (Beijing)
	Dec. 2018	1st Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism Annual and Experts Meeting (Beijing)
	Feb. 2019	16th Japan-China Security Dialogue (Beijing (Foreign Affairs and Defense Vice-Ministerial Meeting))
	Jan. 2020	2nd Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism Annual and Experts Meeting (Tokyo)
	Mar. 2021	3rd Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism Annual and Experts Meeting (VTC)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Nov. 2018	Visit to Japan by delegate of the Eastern Theater Command of the People's Liberation Army
	Apr. 2019	Visit to China by MSDF Chief of Staff and MSDF vessels (Qingdao (attend the International Fleet Review to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army Navy))
	Oct. 2019	Visit to Japan by a People's Liberation Army Navy vessel
	Nov. 2019	Visit to the Eastern Theater Command, etc., by delegate of the SDF (head: Western Army Commanding General)

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (China)
Japan-China goodwill exercise	Oct. 16, 2019	Waters and airspace south of Kanto	Destroyer JS "Samidare"	One vessel	Destroyer CNS "Taiyuan"

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3. The numbers of personnel, etc., are based on those at the time of release.

**Reference 37 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with Russia (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

High-level talks	Jul. 2018	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Moscow (3rd Foreign and Defense Ministerial Dialogue))
	Oct. 2018	Visit to Russia by Chief of Staff, JS
	May 2019	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo (4th Foreign and Defense Ministerial Dialogue))
	May 2019	Visit to Russia by GSDF Chief of Staff
	Nov. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chief of Staff, Russian Navy

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Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Russia)
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the Russian Navy	Nov. 10, 2018	Gulf of Aden	31st Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Ikazuchi," Escort Division 1	One vessel	Frigate RFS "SEVEROMORSK"
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the Russian Navy	Jan. 20-21, 2020	Gulf of Aden	35th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Harusame"	One vessel	Frigate RFS "YAROSLAV MUDRY" Replenishment ship RFS "YELNYA" Tug boat RFS "VICTOR KONETSKY"

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Russia)
Japan-Russia bilateral search and rescue exercise	Jul. 5-10, 2018	Maizuru Port and waters north of Wakasa Bay	Destroyer JS "Asagiri" Auxiliary Multipurpose Ship JS "Hiuchi"	Two vessels	Destroyers RFS "Admiral Tributs," and RFS "Admiral Vinogradov" Replenishment Ship RFS "Pechenga"
Japan-Russia bilateral search and rescue exercise	Jun. 10-15, 2019	Port of Vladivostok and waters and airspace around Vladivostok	Destroyer JS "Suzunami"	One vessel	Destroyer RFS "Admiral Panteleyev" Several vessels

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2. The numbers of personnel, etc. are based on those at the time of release.



### Reference 38 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with Pacific Island Countries (Past Three Years)

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

[Papua New Guinea]

High-level talks	Mar. 2019	Visit to Papua New Guinea by GSDF Chief of Staff
	Feb. 2020	Visit to Papua New Guinea by State Minister of Defense
	Jun. 2020	Japan-Papua New Guinea Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation

[Tonga]

High-level talks	Feb. 2020	Visit to Tonga by State Minister of Defense
	Aug. 2020	Japan-Tonga Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation

[Fiji]

High-level talks	Mar. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chief of the Fijian Navy
	Sep. 2019	Visit to Japan by Chief of the Fijian Navy
	Jan. 2020	Visit to Fiji by State Minister of Defense
	Aug. 2020	Japan-Fiji Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Mar. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF C-2 to Fiji (overseas flight training and implementation of unit-to-unit exchanges)
	Aug. 2019	Port call by the MSDF Training Squadron (implementation of unit-to-unit exchanges)

[Palau]

Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Oct. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF U-4 to Palau (overseas flight training)
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[Federated States of Micronesia]

Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Oct. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF U-4 to the Federated States of Micronesia (overseas flight training)
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### Reference 39 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with Middle Eastern Countries (Past Three Years)

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

[UAE]

High-level talks	May 2018	Visit to Japan by UAE Minister of State for Defence Affairs (signing ceremony for memorandum of understanding on defense cooperation and exchange, Vice-Ministerial Meeting)
	Jul. 2018	Visit to UAE by Commissioner of ATLA
	Jun. 2019	Visit to UAE by Chief of Joint Staff
	Oct. 2019	Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Nov. 2019	Visit to UAE by ASDF Chief of Staff (Dubai Air and Space Show)
	Mar. 2020	Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Jun. 2020	Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Jul. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Chief of Staff, UAE Armed Forces
	Mar. 2021	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and Chief of Staff, UAE Armed Forces
	Mar. 2021	Japan-United Arab Emirates Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Mar. 2021	Telephone Conversation between ASDF Chief of Staff and UAE Chief of the Naval Staff
	Dec. 2018	2nd Japan-UAE Military-Military Consultation (Tokyo)
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Jun. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF C-2 transport aircraft to France (unit-to-unit exchange)
	Nov. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF C-2 transport aircraft to UAE (participation in Dubai International Air and Space Show)

[Israel]

High-level talks	Jun. 2019	Visit to Israel by Chief of Joint Staff
	Jun. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Commander-in-Chief of the Israel Defense Forces
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Oct. 2018	1st Japan-Israel Security Dialogue (Tel Aviv)
	Jan. 2021	2nd Japan-Israel Security Dialogue (VTC)

[Iran]

High-level talks	Oct. 2019	Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Jan. 2020	Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Feb. 2021	Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference

[Egypt]

High-level talks	Mar. 2019	Visit to Egypt by Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense
	Jun. 2019	Visit to Egypt by Chief of Joint Staff
	Jun. 2020	Telephone Conversation between Chief of Staff, JS and Chief of Staff of the Egyptian Armed Forces

## [Oman]

High-level talks	Mar. 2019	Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Oct. 2019	☆Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Military Cooperation between the Japanese Ministry of Defense and the Sultanate of Oman Ministry of Defense
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation

## Joint Staff

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Oman)
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the Royal Navy of Oman	May 2, 2019	Gulf of Aden	33rd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Asagiri"	One vessel	Patrol ship SNV "AL MABRUKAH"

## Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Oman)
Goodwill exercise with the Royal Navy of Oman	May 2, 2018	Waters around Duqm Port (Oman)	29th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Setogiri," Escort Division 7	One vessel	Frigate SNV "AL MUA'ZZAR"
Goodwill exercise with the Royal Navy of Oman	Sep. 1, 2019	Muscat Port (Oman) and its surrounding waters	33rd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Asagiri"	One vessel	Patrol Vessel SNV "Al Seeb"
Goodwill exercise with the Royal Navy of Oman	Dec. 21, 2019	Waters and airspace around Duqm Port (Oman)	34th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Sazanami"	One vessel	Corvet SNV "Al Shamikh"

## [Qatar]

High-level talks	May 2019	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Oct. 2019	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Doha (19th Doha Forum))

## [Saudi Arabia]

High-level talks	Oct. 2019	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Sep. 2020	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation
	Feb. 2021	Telephone Conversation between Minister of Defense and Deputy Minister of Defence, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

## [Turkey]

High-level talks	Jun. 2019	Visit to Japan by Undersecretary of the Ministry of National Defense of Turkey
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## [Bahrain]

High-level talks	Jun. 2018	Visit to Bahrain by MSDF Chief of Staff
	Oct. 2019	Telephone conversation between Minister of Defense and Commander in Chief of Bahrain Defense Force
	Nov. 2019	Meeting between Minister of Defense and Commander in Chief of Bahrain Defense Force (Manama (15th Manama Dialogue))
	Aug. 2020	Video Teleconference between Chief of Staff, JS and Chief of Staff, Bahrain Defence Force
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Oct. 2020	4th Japan-Bahrain Security Dialogue (VTC)

## [Jordan]

High-level talks	Dec. 2019	Visit to Jordan by Minister of Defense (meeting with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lieutenant General Yousef Huneiti)
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Jul. 2019	1st Japan-Jordan Politico-Military Consultation (Anman)
	Oct. 2020	2nd Japan-Jordan Politico-Military Consultation (VTC)

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2. Video teleconference (VTC) refers to video conference or web-based conference.  
3. The numbers of personnel, etc., are based on those at the time of release.

**Reference 40 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with Asian Countries (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

[Sri Lanka]

High-level talks	Aug. 2018	Japan-Sri Lanka Defense Ministerial Meeting (Colombo)
	Jul. 2019	Visit to Sri Lanka by State Minister of Defense
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Mar. 2019	Dispatch of ASDF U-4 to Sri Lanka (overseas flight training and implementation of unit-to-unit exchanges)

Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Sri Lanka)
Goodwill exercise with Sri Lanka Air Force	Aug. 5, 2018	Waters east of Sri Lanka	Air Patrol Squadron 2	P-3C × 1	One aircraft
Goodwill exercise with the Sri Lanka Navy	Aug. 22, 2018	Trincomalee Port (Sri Lanka) and its surrounding waters	31st Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Ikazuchi," Escort Division 1	One vessel	Fast Missile Vessel SLNS "Suranimila"
Goodwill exercise with the Sri Lanka Navy	Oct. 4, 2018	Colombo Port (Sri Lanka) and its surrounding waters and airspace	Indo Southeast Asia Deployment 2018 Destroyers JS "Kaga," and JS "Inazuma," Escort Flotilla 4	Two vessels	Offshore Patrol Vessel "Sagara"
Bilateral exercise with the Sri Lanka Armed Forces	Jan. 27, 2019	Waters and airspace off the coast of Hambantota (Sri Lanka)	Air Patrol Squadron 2	P-3C × 2	Two Navy's vessels One Air Force's aircraft
Bilateral exercise with the Sri Lanka Navy	Jan. 21, 2020	Waters and airspace west of Sri Lanka	Air Patrol Squadron 2	P-3C × 2	Fast Missile Vessel SLNS "Suranimila" High-Speed Patrol Boat "FAC-21"
Bilateral Exercise with the Sri Lanka Armed Forces (JA-LAN EX)	Sep. 24, 2020	Colombo Port and its surrounding waters and airspace	Destroyer JS "Kaga," and JS "Ikazuchi"	Two vessels	Patrol Vessel SLNS "Gajabahu"

[Pakistan]

High-level talks	Aug. 2020	Video Teleconference between Defense Minister and Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan
Unit-to-unit exchange, etc.	Apr. 2018	6th Japan-Pakistan Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultation
	Jun. 2019	7th Japan-Pakistan Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultation

Joint Staff

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Pakistan)
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the Pakistan Navy	Oct. 3, 2020	Gulf of Aden	36th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Onami"	One vessel	Frigate PNS "Zulfikar"
Bilateral counter-piracy exercise with the Pakistan Navy	Feb. 26 and Mar. 1, 2021	Western waters of the northern Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden	37th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Ariake"	One vessel	Frigate PNS "Alamgir"

Maritime Self-Defense Force

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Pakistan)
Bilateral exercise with the Pakistan Navy (Pre-AMAN)	Jan. 10, 2019	Karachi Port (Pakistan) and its surrounding waters and airspace	31st Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Ikazuchi," Escort Division 1	One vessel	Destroyer PNS "Tariq"
Bilateral exercise with the Pakistan Navy (Pre-AMAN)	Jan. 25, 2019	Waters and airspace off the coast of Karachi (Pakistani)	Air Patrol Squadron 2	P-3C × 2	Two vessels P-3C × 1

[Mongolia]

High-level talks	Dec. 2019	Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Jun. 2020	Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
Regular discussions between defense authorities	Apr. 2019	5th Japan-Mongolia Consultation between foreign affairs, defense and security authorities (Tokyo)
	Apr. 2019	5th Japan-Mongolia Military-Military Consultation (Tokyo)

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**Reference 41 Recent Defense Cooperation and Exchanges with Other Countries (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

[Kazakhstan]

Regular discussions between defense authorities	Jul. 2018	1st Japan-Kazakhstan Military-Military Consultation
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[Brazil]

High-level talks	Apr. 2018	Visit to Brazil by State Minister of Defense
	Jul. 2019	Visit to Japan by Brazilian Army Commander
	Dec. 2020	Japan-Brazil Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference
		☆Signing of the Japan-Brazil Memorandum on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges

[Others]

High-level talks	Dec. 2018	Visit to South Sudan and Djibouti by State Minister of Defense
	Dec. 2018	Visit to Japan by Deputy Chief of Staff (equivalent to commander of Army) of Djibouti
	Sep. 2019	Visit to Djibouti by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Jamaica Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)
	Dec. 2019	Japan-Djibouti Defense Ministerial Meeting (Djibouti)

**Maritime Self-Defense Force**

Training Designation	Date	Location	Participating Units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Maldives)
Goodwill exercise with the Maldives National Defence Force	Apr. 25, 2019	Port of Male (Maldives) and its surrounding waters	32nd Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Samidare," Escort Division 4	One vessel	Maldivian Coast Guard ship "Huravee"
Goodwill exercise with the Maldives National Defence Force	Jul. 22, 2019	Waters and Airspace east of Maldives	Air Patrol Squadron 2	P-3C × 1	Maldivian Coast Guard ship "Shaheed Ali"
Goodwill exercise with the Bangladesh Navy	Oct. 8, 2019	Chattogram (People's Republic of Bangladesh) and its surrounding waters	Minesweeper Tender JS "Bungo," Minesweeper Coastal JS "Takashima," Minesweeper Division 3	Two vessels	Corvette BNS "Prottoy" Patrol Craft BNS "Durjoy"

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**Reference 42 Record of Major Multinational Security Dialogues (Indo-Pacific Region, Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

		Dialogue	Date
Participation in Security Dialogues in the Indo-Pacific Region	Intergovernmental	○ ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) • Ministerial Meeting • ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM-Plus) • ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Working Group (ADSOM-Plus WG) • Experts' Working Group (EWG) Counter-Terrorism EWG HA/DR-EWG Maritime Security EWG Military Medicine EWG Peacekeeping Operations EWG Humanitarian Mine Action EWG Cyber EWG	(Oct. 2018, Nov. 2019, Dec. 2020) (Jul. 2018, Apr. 2019, Jul. 2020, Nov. 2020) (Mar. 2019, Jan. 2020, Jun. 2020, Nov. 2020, Feb. 2021)
		○ ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting ○ ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) • Meeting among defense authorities	(Aug. 2018, Jan. 2019, Apr. 2019, Sep. 2019, Oct. 2019, Dec. 2019) (Apr. 2018, Jul. 2018, Sep. 2018, Mar. 2019, Apr. 2019, Jul. 2019, Oct. 2019) (May 2018, Nov. 2018, Feb. 2019, May 2019, Sep. 2019, Mar. 2021) (Dec. 2018, Feb. 2019, Mar. 2019, Oct. 2019, Mar. 2021) (Apr. 2018, Nov. 2018, Mar. 2019, Sep. 2019) (Apr. 2018, Oct. 2018, Mar. 2019, Sep. 2019, Dec. 2019) (May 2018, Nov. 2018, May 2019, Aug. 2019, Mar. 2021) (Oct. 2018, Nov. 2019, Dec. 2020)
		○ IISS Asia Security Summit (Shangri-La Dialogue) ○ IISS Regional Security Summit (Manama Dialogue)	(May 2018, Jun. 2018, May 2019, Jul. 2020) (Jun. 2018, May 2019) (Nov. 2019)
	Hosted by the private sector	○ Doha Forum	(Dec. 2019)
	Hosted by the Government		
Security Dialogue hosted by the Ministry of Defense		○ Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum	(Sep. 2018, Oct. 2019)
		○ Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo Defense Forum)	(Mar. 2019)
		○ International Conference of Cadets	(Feb. 2019)

**Reference 43 Multilateral Security Dialogues Hosted by the Ministry of Defense**

Security Dialogue		Outline	Recent Situations
Hosted by Ministry of Defense	Internal Bureau and others		
	Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum	Hosted by the Ministry of Defense since 2009. Vice-ministerial level officials from the defense authorities of ASEAN countries are invited to Japan to hold candid dialogues on regional security issues. The objective is to strengthen multilateral and bilateral relations by building close interpersonal relationships.	In October 2019, the MOD held the eleventh Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum in Tokyo, in which vice-ministerial level officials from all ASEAN member states and the ASEAN Secretariat participated to exchange their frank and constructive views on three themes: Regional Security Situation; Visions for the Indo-Pacific: Towards the Free and Open Regional Order; and ASEAN's Initiatives for Regional Defense Cooperation. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the dialogue was cancelled in 2020.
	Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo Defense Forum)	Hosted by the Ministry of Defense, this forum has been held annually since 1996 with Director-General-level officials in charge of defense policy and defense exchanges, all of who are from the Asia-Pacific region, participating. The forum is designed to provide defense officials with opportunities to exchange views on ways to promote confidence building focusing on the defense field.	The 23rd Forum, held in March 2019, was attended by 27 countries (25 Asia-Pacific countries, France and the United Kingdom) as well as the ASEAN Secretariat, the EU and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The participants discussed a wide range of matters in the context of the themes of the Forum, "security issues in the Indo-Pacific region" and "changing security challenges and prospects." Due to the impact of COVID-19, the forum was cancelled in 2020 and 2021.
Hosted by Ministry of Defense	GSDF	G5 Dialogue (G5D)	Hosted by the GSDF for the first time in 2017, this dialogue provides a platform for the army and other services of like-minded countries that has close ties with the GSDF to exchanges views on multilateral engagement in the Asia-Pacific region for the armies to actively contribute to regional peace and stability.
		Multilateral Logistics Staff Talks (MLST)	Hosted by the GSDF, these talks have been held annually since 1997, inviting officers in charge of logistics support from major countries in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe to provide them with opportunities to exchange views on logistic system.
	MSDF	Asia Pacific Naval College Seminar (APNCS)	Hosted by the MSDF, this seminar has been held annually since 1998 with the participation of naval college staff from the Asia-Pacific region. The seminar is designed to provide them with opportunities to exchange views on the roles of naval forces with a view to encouraging school education/research and contributing to the promotion of defense exchange and mutual understanding between participating countries.
		Western Pacific Naval Symposium Short Term Exchange Program (WPNS STEP)	Hosted by the MSDF, this program has been held annually since 2011, with the participation of junior naval officers from the WPNS countries. The program is designed to provide them with opportunities to deepen their understanding of Japan's security environment, defense policy and buildup, and culture and history.
	ASDF	Japan Air Self-Defense Force Air Staff College Seminar	Hosted by the ASDF, this seminar has been held annually since 2015, with the participation of officials related to air staff colleges mainly from the Asia-Pacific region. The seminar is designed to provide them with opportunities to exchange views on officer's education. (From 1996 to 2014, this seminar was held as International Air Force Education Seminar.)
		International Air Command and Staff Seminar	Hosted by the ASDF, this seminar has been held annually since 2001 with the participation of students of air staff college students from the Asia-Pacific region. This program is designed to provide them with opportunities to exchange views on security and roles of nations.
Hosted by Ministry of Defense	National Defense Academy	International Seminar on Defense Science	Hosted by the National Defense Academy since 1996, this seminar provides opportunities to discuss international affairs and security by inviting military academy representatives from the Asia-Pacific regions.
		International Cadets' Conference	Hosted by the National Defense Academy, this conference has been held annually since 1998 with the participation of cadets from each country. The conference is designed to provide them with opportunities to exchange views on militaries in the 21st century.
	National Institute for Defense Studies	International Security Colloquium	Hosted by National Institute for Defense Studies, this seminar has been held annually since 1999 with officials at home and abroad knowledgeable about defense being invited. The seminar is designed to provide them with opportunities for advanced and professional reports and discussions on security issues in addition to enhancing public awareness of security issues.
		International Forum on War History	Hosted by National Institute for Defense Studies, this forum has been held annually since 2002 with participation by military historians. The forum is designed to deepen the mutual understanding of its participants by making comparative studies of military history.
		ASEAN Workshop	Hosted by National Institute for Defense Studies, this workshop-style group study session has been held annually since 2010 to discuss emerging security issues that the Asia-Pacific region faces in common. Since 2018, participating regions are limited to ASEAN countries.



**Reference 44 Other Multilateral Security Dialogues**

Other Multilateral Security Dialogue		Overview
Internal Bureau and others	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)	Started in October 2010. It is the only defense ministerial meeting in the Asia-Pacific region hosted by governments, including Japan, which provides opportunities to exchange views on issues related to regional security. It was decided in the 4th ADMM-Plus held in October 2017 that this meeting will take place annually instead of biennially.
	ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting	First held in 2014. It is a platform for defense ministers of all of the ASEAN nations and Japan to discuss a wide spectrum of security related issues, and to exchange views on concrete action plans to develop future Japan-ASEAN defense cooperation.
	ARF: ASEAN Regional Forum	A forum that started in 1994, designed to improve the security environment of the Asia-Pacific region through political and security dialogue and cooperation. Currently 26 countries (10 ASEAN nations (Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia (since 1995), Myanmar (since 1996)), Japan, Australia, Canada, China, India (since 1996), New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the ROK, Russia, the U.S., Mongolia (since 1998), North Korea (since 2000), Pakistan (since 2004), Timor-Leste (since 2005), Bangladesh (since 2006), Sri Lanka (since 2007)), and 1 organization (EU) are members of the forum. Authorities in charge of diplomacy and defense meet through various government-to-government meetings to discuss the current regional situation and security area.
	Asia-Pacific Military Operations Research Symposium (AMORS)	AMORS is a forum held by Asia-Pacific countries on a rotational basis to exchange views on defense operations and research technology. Japan has participated in the forum since the second meeting in 1993.
	Seoul Defense Dialogue (SDD)	This event, hosted by the Ministry of National Defense of the ROK and participated in by the defense vice ministers of Asia-Pacific and Western countries, is a forum for exchanging opinions regarding regional security issues, including the issues of the Korean Peninsula. Japan has participated since the first meeting in 2012.
	Doha Forum	Doha Forum is an international conference hosted by the Government of Qatar and participated in by ministers and government officials, intellectuals and personnel from international organizations specialized in diplomacy, security, global issues (climate change and emergence of global powers, etc.), and energy-related problems. Participants have unrestricted discussions. The Forum has been held every year since 2001, and Japan participated in this forum for the first time in 2019.
Joint Staff	Asia-Pacific Chief of Defense Conference (CHOD)	CHOD is an annual conference hosted either by the United States or jointly with other participating countries on a rotational basis. Senior defense officials and others of Asia-Pacific countries meet to exchange views on security issues. Japan has participated in the conference since the first meeting in 1998.
	Pacific Area Senior Officer Logistics Seminar (PASOLS)	PASOLS is a seminar hosted jointly by the United States and a member country on a rotational basis mainly to exchange information on logistic-support activities. Japan's participation in the seminar as an official member started in 1995 when the 24th session was held. The 47th Seminar was held in Japan with participation of nearly 30 countries and organizations in 2018.
	Raisina Dialogue	Raisina Dialogue is an international conference co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and participated in by Foreign Ministers, Defense Ministers, Chiefs of Staff, etc., from over 100 countries worldwide. Participants discuss matters in diverse fields including the field of security. The MOD has participated in the Dialogue since its third session in 2018 (1st: Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs; 2nd: Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs; 3rd: Chief of Joint Staff and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister; 4th and 5th: Chief of Joint Staff).
GSDF	Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference (PACC)	PACC is a conference hosted jointly by the United States and a member country on a rotational basis every other year when PAMS is held. Army chiefs of Asia-Pacific countries and others meet to exchange views. Japan has participated in the conference since the first meeting in 1999. The conference was held in Japan for the first time in 2009.
	Pacific Armies Management Seminars (PAMS)	PAMS is a forum held jointly by the U.S. and the participating countries in rotation. It provides opportunities for exchanging information about efficient and economical management techniques so that armies in the Asia-Pacific region can develop their ground troops. The GSDF has participated in PAMS since the 17th meeting in 1993. The 33rd seminar was held in Japan in 2009 at the same time as PACC.
	Land Forces Pacific (LANPAC)	LANPAC is a symposium hosted by AUSA annually in Hawaii. Through panel discussions and consultations, high-level land force officials from the Indo-Asia-Pacific region exchange opinions on strategic issue in the region.
	Chief of Army Land Forces Seminar	This seminar was called "Chief of Army's Exercise (CAEX)" until 2016. It is an exercise hosted by the Australian Army every other year. Senior officers of the Australian Army as well as the heads of land forces in the Asia-Pacific region and experts attend and exchange a wide range of views on the issues facing the land forces in the region. The GSDF participated in CAEX for the first time in 2012. In September 2014, the GSDF Chief of Staff attended for the first time and delivered an address.
	Pacific Amphibious Leaders Symposium (PALS)	This symposium was held for the first time in May 2015, hosted by the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, from the perspective of contributing to the amphibious operations capacities of friendly countries in the Asia-Pacific region and contributing to regional stability through strengthening relations with the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, and enhancing interoperability. It has been held annually since then. Japan has participated from the first meeting.
	Annual Meeting of the Association of U.S. Army (AUSA)	Hosted annually by AUSA in Washington, D.C., the Chief and Vice-Chief of Staff of the GSDF participate in the meeting, exchange opinions among the General-class officers from the U.S. Army, and deliver speeches.

Other Multilateral Security Dialogue		Overview	
Hosted by the Government	MSDF	International Sea Power Symposium (ISS)	ISS is a symposium hosted by the United States every other year. Navy Chief of Staff of member countries and others meet to exchange views on common issues for their navies. Japan has participated in the symposium since the first meeting in 1969.
		Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS)	WPNS is a symposium hosted by a member country on a rotational basis every other year when ISS is not held. Senior navy officials and others of Western Pacific countries meet to exchange views. Japan has participated in the symposium since the second meeting in 1990.
		International MCM Seminar	This seminar is hosted by a WPNS member country on a rotation basis to exchange views on minesweeping in a year when minesweeping exercises are not conducted in the Western Pacific. Japan has participated in the seminar since the first meeting in 2000. Japan's MSDF hosted this seminar in Yokosuka in October 2007.
		Asia Pacific Submarine Conference	Hosted either by the United States or jointly with other participating countries in the Asia-Pacific region on a rotational basis to exchange views on issues centering around submarine rescue. Japan has participated in the conference since the first meeting in 2001. The MSDF hosted the conference in October 2006.
		Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)	This symposium is held every two years hosted by a different participating country on a rotational basis. It is a platform for the Navy Chief of Staff from the Indian Ocean coastal countries to exchange their opinions concerning the maritime security of the Indian Ocean. Japan has participated since the third event in 2012.
		RAN Sea Power Conference (SPC)	Held biennially as part of the Pacific International Maritime Exposition. As many navies send their Chief of Staff or Admirals to this conference, the conference serves as a platform for bilateral and multilateral exchange.
		Regional Seapower Symposium (RSS)	Biennially hosted by the Italian Navy. Mostly attended by Chief of Staff of Navy from NATO nations who gather to exchange views on common naval challenges. Japan has participated since the 7th symposium in 2008.
		International Maritime Security Symposium (IMSS)	Hosted by the Indonesian Navy every other year. Navy Chief of Staff from mostly western Pacific nations exchange opinions on maritime security issues. Japan has participated since the 1st meeting in 2013.
		Galle Dialogue	Hosted by the Sri Lankan Navy annually. Navy Chief of Staff from nations around the Indian Ocean exchange views on maritime security challenges. Japan has participated since the 1st meeting in 2010.
Hosted by the Government	ASDF	Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium (PACS)	PACS is a conference hosted by the United States every other year with senior air force officials such as Air Chiefs and others of member countries exchanging views on common issues. Japan has participated in the conference since the first meeting in 1989.
		Space Symposium	Space Symposium is hosted by the United States every year with senior air force officials such as Air Chiefs and others of member countries exchanging views on common issues. Japan has participated in the symposium since the 35th meeting in 2019.
		PACRIM Airpower Symposium	This symposium is held every year and hosted jointly by the U.S. and other participating countries on a rotational basis (it was held twice in 1996 and 1997). It is a platform for the Chiefs of Air Operations in the Pacific Rim to exchange their opinions. Japan has participated in this symposium since the first event held in 1995
		Air and Space Power Conference	Air and Space Power Conference hosted by the Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom is held every year and Chiefs of Staff of Air Forces exchange views on issues in the aerospace field in line with themes set up for each year. Japan has participated in this conference eight times since 2009.
		Air Power Conference (APC)	APC is an international conference hosted by Australia every other year to exchange views on air power. Japan has participated in this conference six times since 2000.
		Air Force Symposium	Air Force Symposium is hosted by the Philippine Air Force annually to exchange opinions under the themes concerning security. Japan has participated in this symposium four times since 2015.
		Aerospace Medicine Conference	Aerospace Medicine Conference is hosted by the Indian Air Force annually to exchange opinions concerning aerospace medicine. Japan participated in this conference for the first time in 2019.
		Dubai International Air Chiefs Conference	Dubai International Air Chiefs Conference is hosted by the UAE Air Force biennially. Chiefs of Staff of Air Forces gather and exchange opinions on issues in line with themes set up for each year. Japan has participated in this conference four times since 2013.
		Colombo Air Symposium	Colombo Air Symposium is hosted by the Sri Lankan Air Force annually to exchange opinions concerning air power and air strategy. Japan has participated in this symposium three times since 2016.
		Military Flight Training International Conference	Military Flight Training International Conference is hosted by the PLA Air Force biennially to exchange opinions concerning flight training, etc. Japan has participated in this conference twice since 2016
	Symposium hosted by the Air University's China Aerospace Studies Institute	The symposium is hosted by the Air University's CASI to exchange opinions concerning China's aerospace activities. Japan participated in the symposium for the first time in 2018.	
	Defense Intelligence Headquarters	Asia-Pacific Intelligence Chiefs Conference (APICC)	Hosted in turn by the United States Pacific Command and participating countries, the Conference serves as a place for the exchange of opinions among intelligence chiefs and other officials from the defense ministries of countries in the Asia Pacific region and other areas. Alongside exchanges of opinions on issues pertaining to regional security, the Conference is also aimed at contributing to the nurturing of relationships of trust between the respective countries, as well as at the sharing of information. It was hosted for the first time in February 2011 by the Department of Current and Crisis Intelligence, and was attended by 28 countries.
	National Institute for Defense Studies	ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges and Institutions Meeting	Defense universities and other educational institutions from the ARF member countries take turns and hold a meeting once a year. The host plays the central role in making a decision on the themes with respect to global security issues in the Asia-Pacific region and the role of defense educational and research institutions, and the meeting takes place in the form of presentations and question and-answer sessions based on certain themes. From Japan, National Institute for Defense Studies has been attending all of the meetings since the first meeting in 1997, and hosted the fifth meeting in Tokyo in 2001. In September 2018, the 22nd meeting was held in Tokyo for the first time in 17 years. Japan participated in the conference held in Singapore in November 2019. This was cancelled in 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19.
NATO Defense College Conference of Commandants (CoC)		CoC is an annual international conference hosted by the NATO Defense College, defense educational institutions from NATO member countries and NATO partner countries in turns. During the meeting, the heads of participating educational institutions exchange opinions from the perspective of improving advanced defense education, while at the same time the meeting focuses on the promotion of educational exchange among the heads of the educational institutions, NATO member countries, and the dialogue partners in the Central and Eastern Europe as well as the Mediterranean region. From Japan, National Institute for Defense Studies has been attending most of the conferences since FY2009 (no invitation in FY2013). Japan participated in the conference held in Italy in May 2019. This was cancelled in 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19.	

Other Multilateral Security Dialogue		Overview
Hosted by the Private Sector	ISS Asia Security Summit (Shangri-La Dialogue)	Hosted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies in the United Kingdom, this conference has been held since 2002 with defense ministers and others of the Asia-Pacific region participating to exchange views on issues centering around regional security. From Japan, the Minister of Defense has participated in the conference since the first meeting in 2002 (except for the 3rd and 11th conferences in 2004 and 2012; and the State Minister of Defence participated in the 11th conference).
	ISS Fullerton Forum	A Sherpa meeting (preparation meeting) for the Shangri-La Dialogue hosted by the IISS. Defense authorities (director/vice chief level) of the countries that attend the Shangri-La Dialogue exchange opinions on regional security issues. Japan has participated since the 1st meeting in 2013.
	ISS Regional Security Summit (Manama Dialogue)	Hosted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies in the United Kingdom, this conference has been held since 2004. Foreign and defense ministers, national security advisors and chiefs of intelligence from the Gulf countries participated to exchange views on issues centering around regional security. Japan participated at the senior official's level for the first time in the 6th conference in 2009, sending the State Minister of Defense. The Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Defense participated in the 7th, 12th and 13th Conferences in 2010, 2016, and 2017. The Defense Minister participated in the 15th Conference for the first time.
	Munich Security Conference	This Conference was established in 1962. It is one of the most prestigious international conferences on security in Western countries. Foreign dignitaries such as Cabinet members, Diet/Parliament members, officers of defense authorities from Germany, which is the host country, NATO member countries (the United States, the United Kingdom, France, etc.), Russia, and central and eastern Europe countries attended. Japan participated for the first time in the 45th Conference in 2009, sending the Minister of Defense. The State Minister of Defense participated in the 52nd, 53rd, 54th and 55th Conferences in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. The Defense Minister participated in the 56th Conference in February 2020.
	Halifax International Security Forum	Hosted by Halifax International Security Forum with the support of the Canadian Department of National Defense, the Forum is attended by many government officials from the United States and Europe (including NATO Ministers and Defense Ministers from each EU country), who exchange opinions on security at the Forum. Japan has participated since the first Conference in 2009.
	The Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue (NEACD)	Organized mainly by the Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) of the University of California, San Diego, this dialogue is designed for participants — private-sector researchers and government officials from member countries (China, North Korea, Japan, the ROK, Russia and the United States) — to freely exchange their views on security situations and confidence-building measures in the region. Japan has participated in the dialogue since the first meeting in 1993 (except in 2018).

## Key Elements

- Reviewing our efforts over the past three years on defense cooperation with ASEAN under the Vientiane Vision announced in November 2016
- Redefining the vision in line with the concept of the “Indo-Pacific”
- Presenting three principles for our defense cooperation with ASEAN and including enhancement of resilience as one of the ends

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## 1. Review of our efforts under the Vientiane Vision

## (1) Multilateral efforts: Ship Rider Cooperation Program, HA/DR Invitation Program and Professional Airmanship Program

- Heart-to-heart cooperation: Japan has contributed not only to enhancing participants' abilities by offering various practical programs, but also to creating a sense of unity among all ASEAN member state participants by offering opportunities to work together on common issues.

## (2) Bilateral efforts: Defense cooperation programs (e.g. maritime security, HA/DR and engineering), defense equipment and technology cooperation, human resource development and academic exchanges, etc.

- Tailored and lasting cooperation: Aiming to establish a self-standing system in partner countries, Japan has implemented various projects based on elaborate multi-year plans with special emphasis on the transparency of process.

## (3) Having contributed to the enhancement of ASEAN's capabilities as a whole, especially in

- (i) Ensuring the rule of law, (ii) Strengthening maritime security, and (iii) Assisting ASEAN's autonomous responses to regional challenges, such as natural disasters and non-traditional threats.

In so doing, we have also reaffirmed the importance of continuing and developing our efforts to uphold ASEAN's resilience, which is a basis for ASEAN centrality and unity.

⇒ Pursuing further practical cooperation to support ASEAN's resilience, and in turn, its centrality and unity

## 2. Redefining the Vientiane Vision in line with the concept of the “Indo-Pacific”

## (1) As the hinge connecting the Indian and Pacific Oceans, ASEAN is the key to regional cooperation.

## (2) ASEAN's principles outlined in the “ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific,” such as openness, transparency, inclusivity and a rules-based framework, share the same bases with those of Japan's vision for a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

## (3) Under its vision for a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific,” and with full respect for the “ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific,” Japan will promote equal and open cooperation through partnership with ASEAN member states and all other countries that share the principles outlined above.

## 3. Three Principles for Japan's Defense Cooperation with ASEAN

## (1) Heart-to-heart Cooperation: Upholding ASEAN's principles, valuing people-to-people connections and listening sincerely to partners' needs

## (2) Tailored and Lasting Cooperation: Pursuing sustainable outcomes through well-planned, transparent and ongoing engagement

## (3) Equal and Open Cooperation: Pursuing wide-ranging international collaboration that supports ASEAN centrality, unity and resilience

## I. Ends: With a view to ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific that holds Southeast Asia as its hinge, the Japan Ministry of Defense aims to

- (i) enhance the Japan-ASEAN Strategic Partnership and (ii) contribute to ASEAN centrality and unity by supporting its resilience.

## II. Ways: On the basis of the above three principles, Japan aims to support ASEAN centrality, unity and resilience by taking the following approaches with special emphasis on the three key areas of cooperation.

## (i) Approaches based on the principles of ASEAN centrality and unity

- Japan promotes international collaboration between ASEAN member states and countries outside ASEAN, with a central emphasis on ASEAN-led frameworks
- Japan promotes confidence-building and interoperability among ASEAN member states by enhancing connectivity and promoting shared norms and practices among defense authorities

## (ii) Key areas of cooperation with a view to upholding ASEAN's resilience

- Ensuring the rule of law: Promoting the development and sharing of universal norms regarding the sea and air space
- Strengthening maritime security: Promoting ASEAN's efforts to enhance maritime domain awareness capabilities, and supporting individual states' efforts to enhance their national security, and in turn, regional peace and stability
- Assisting ASEAN's organizational responses to regional challenges: Promoting ASEAN's efforts to enhance its capacity to deal with natural disasters and non-traditional threats

## III. Means: As part of a concerted whole of government effort, JMOD conducts practical cooperation by combining the following diverse measures.

## (i) Promoting Shared Understanding of International Norms: Holding programs such as seminars with a view to share knowledge on international norms and practices

## (ii) Defense Cooperation Program: Assisting ASEAN's proactive efforts for enhancing its collective capabilities by sending JSDF personnel to Southeast Asia, and inviting ASEAN practitioners to Japan

## (iii) Defense Equipment and Technology Cooperation: Transferring equipment and technology, developing human resources, holding seminars on defense industries, etc.

## (iv) Joint Training and Exercises: Conducting bilateral and multilateral joint exercises, expanding forms of participation and inviting ASEAN observers to JSDF training

## (v) Human Resource Development and Academic Exchanges: Reinforcing human networks among students and trainees, inviting opinion leaders to Japan, etc.

**Reference 46 Participation in Multilateral Exercises (Past Three Years)**

(Apr. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2021)

## Joint Staff

Exercise	Period	Location	Participating countries	Participating SDF units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (partner country)
Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Maritime Interdiction Exercise hosted by Japan (Pacific Shield 18)	Jul. 24-26, 2018	Yokosuka Port; waters and airspace off the coast of Boso Peninsula; airspace off the coast of Izu Peninsula	The U.S., Australia, New Zealand, the ROK, Singapore and others (19 observer countries)	Internal Bureau, Joint Staff, Ground Component Command, Eastern Army, GSDF Chemical School, Self-Defense Fleet, Yokosuka District	2 vessels 2 aircraft Approximately 280 personnel	—
Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 19	Jan. 14-Feb.23, 2019	Thailand	Thailand, the U.S., Indonesia, Singapore, the ROK, Malaysia, India, China	Joint Staff, etc., GSDF, MSDF, ASDF	C-130H × 1 Approximately 170 personnel	—
ADMM-Plus Military Medicine Field Training Exercise (MEDEX-2019)	Mar. 8-18, 2019	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (India)	India, Myanmar, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Laos, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, China, New Zealand, the ROK, Russia, the U.S.	Joint Staff, Western Army and GSDF Chemical School	Approximately 15 personnel	—
PSI Exercise hosted by the ROK (Eastern Endeavor 19)	Jul. 10-11, 2019	Busan	The U.S., Australia, New Zealand, the ROK, Singapore and others (observer countries)	Joint Staff, GSDF Chemical School	3 personnel	—
ADMM-Plus HA/DR Exercise (staff training and communication training)	Jul. 30-Aug. 1, 2019	Staff training: Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) Communication training: Ichigaya	Malaysia, the U.S., Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, the ROK, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam	Joint Staff, Defense Intelligence Headquarters	Approximately 5 personnel	—
Multilateral Exercise hosted by French Forces in New Caledonia (Exercise Equateur 2019)	Sep. 21-Oct.5, 2019	New Caledonia	France, Australia, Canada, Fiji, Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Genia, Solomon Islands, Tonga, the U.K., the U.S., Vanuatu	Joint Staff, Joint Staff College	3 personnel	—
NATO cyber defense exercise (Cyber Coalition 2019)	Dec. 2-6, 2019	Estonia, Japan	NATO member countries, NATO partner countries, EU	Internal Bureau, Joint Staff, Command Control Communication Computers Systems Command	Approximately 20 personnel	—
Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 20	Jan. 26-Mar. 9, 2020	Thailand	Thailand, the U.S., Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the ROK, China, India	Joint Staff, etc., GSDF, MSDF, ASDF	C-130H × 1 Approximately 240 personnel	—
Japan-EU-ROK joint naval exercise against piracy	Jul. 16-17, 2020	West of the Gulf of Aden	Spain, the ROK	36th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Onami"	1 vessel	(Spanish Navy) Frigate SPS "Santa Maria" (ROK Navy) Destroyer ROKS "Dae Jo-yeong"
Japan-EU joint naval exercise against piracy	Oct. 5-6, 2020	Gulf of Aden	Spain, Germany	36th Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement Destroyer JS "Onami"	1 vessel	(Spanish Navy) Frigate SPS "Santa Maria" (Spanish Air Force) P-3M (German Navy) P-3C



Ground Self-Defense Force

Exercise	Period	Location	Participating countries	Participating SDF units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (partner country)
Australian Army-Hosted Shooting Convention	Apr. 27-May 11, 2018	Puckapunyal training area (Victoria, Australia)	Australia, etc.	Ground Component Command, respective Regional Armies, Fuji School, etc.	Approximately 20 personnel	—
Field Training with U.S. and Australian Forces in Australia (Southern Jackaroo)	May 7-Jun. 8, 2018	Townsville Field Training Area (Queensland, Australia)	The U.S., Australia	2nd Infantry Regiment, 12th Brigade	Approximately 130 personnel	(Australian Army) Approximately 720 personnel (U.S. Army) Approximately 50 personnel (U.S. Marines) Approximately 180 personnel
Multilateral Exercise (Khaan Quest 18)	Jun. 14-28, 2018	Mongolia (Five Hills Training Area)	Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Cambodia, Canada, China, Czech, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kirgiz, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Qatar, the ROK, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkey, Russia, the U.K., the U.S.	Ground Component Command	Approximately 40 personnel	—
Overseas deployment training (RIMPAC2018)	Jun. 15-Aug. 5, 2018	Hawaii, etc., (the U.S.)	The U.S., Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Columbia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the ROK, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, the U.K., Vietnam (prospective participating countries at the time of release)	Ground Component Command HQs; Western Army HQs; Western Field Artillery Unit; 5th Surface-to-Ship Missile Regiment; 2nd Amphibious Rapid Deployment Regiment, Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade; International Peace Cooperation Activities Training Unit, etc.	Approximately 180 personnel	Approximately 780 personnel
U.S.-Philippines joint exercise (KAMANDAG 18)	Sep. 8-Oct. 23, 2018	The Philippines	The U.S., the Philippines	Ground Component Command HQs, Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, Central Readiness Regiment	80 personnel	—
Australian Army-Hosted Shooting Convention	Mar. 23-Apr. 5, 2019	Puckapunyal training area (Victoria, Australia)	Australia, etc.	Ground Component Command, respective Regional Armies, Fuji School, etc.	Approximately 20 personnel	—
Field Training with U.S. and Australian Forces in Australia (Southern Jackaroo)	May 10-Jun. 14, 2019	Shoalwater Bay Training Area (Queensland, Australia)	The U.S., Australia	13th Infantry Regiment, 12th Brigade	Approximately 160 personnel	(Australian Army) Approximately 720 personnel (U.S. Marines) Approximately 250 personnel
Multilateral Exercise (Khaan Quest 19)	Jun. 14-28, 2019	Mongolia (Five Hills Training Area)	Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, China, El Salvador, Fiji, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, the ROK, Rwanda, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Togo, Turkey, the U.K., Ukraine, Uruguay, the U.S., Vietnam, Zambia	Ground Component Command, etc.	Approximately 60 personnel	—
Field Training Exercise ADMM-Plus Expert Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations	Sep. 8-22, 2019	Indonesian National Armed Forces Peacekeeping Mission Center	10 ASEAN countries, the U.S., Australia, China, India, New Zealand, the ROK, Russia	Ground Component Command, etc.	Approximately 20 personnel	—
U.S.-Philippines joint exercise (KAMANDAG 19)	Oct. 6-23, 2019	The Philippines	The U.S., the Philippines	Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, etc.	Approximately 80 personnel	—

Maritime Self-Defense Force

Exercise	Period	Location	Participating countries	Participating SDF units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (partner country)
Multilateral Naval Exercise hosted by the Indonesian Navy (KOMODO 2018)	May 5-9, 2018	Waters around Lombok (Indonesia)	Indonesia, the U.S., Australia, China, France, etc.	Landing Ship JS "Osumi," Landing Ship Division 1	1 vessel Approximately 190 personnel	—
Western Pacific Mine Countermeasures Exercise	May 7-18, 2018	HMAS Creswell of the Royal Australian Navy and waters around it	Australia, etc.	Diver	7 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-India Trilateral Exercise (Malabar 2018)	Jun. 8-16, 2018	Anchor phase: the U.S. (Guam) On-the-sea phase: waters and airspace around Guam	The U.S., India	Destroyers JS "Ise," JS "Fuyuzuki," and JS "Suzunami" Submarine JS "Soryu"	4 vessels P-1 × 2 Approximately 870 personnel	—
Rim of the Pacific Exercise hosted by the U.S. (RIMPAC 2018)	Jun. 27-Aug. 2, 2018	Hawaiian Islands and its surrounding waters and airspace	The U.S., Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Columbia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, the ROK, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, the U.K., Vietnam	Destroyer JS "Ise"	1 vessel P-3C × 2 Approximately 460 personnel	47 vessels, 5 submarines, approximately 200 aircraft Approximately 25,000 or more personnel (total participating strength at the time of release)
Mine warfare training (Mutsu Bay) and minesweeping special training (Japan-U.S.-India trilateral exercise)	Jul. 18-30, 2018	Mutsu Bay	The U.S., India	Minesweeper Tender, Minesweeper Ocean, Minesweeper Coastal, Minesweeping Controller, diving tender	19 vessels MCH-101 × 3 P-3C × 4 P-1 × 1	(U.S.) 1 Minesweeper Ocean, MH-53E × 2, approximately 10 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel (India) approximately 4 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel
Australian Navy-Hosted Multinational Maritime Exercise (Kakadu 2018)	Aug. 16-Oct. 10, 2018	Waters and airspace around Darwin (Australia)	The U.S., Australia, etc.	Destroyer JS "Sazanami" Air Patrol Squadron 2	1 vessel P-3C × 1 Approximately 210 personnel	—
Japan-Australia-Canada-Singapore multilateral cruise exercise	Aug. 24-31, 2018	Waters and airspace of Guam (the U.S.) through Darwin (Australia)	Australia, Canada, New Zealand	Destroyer JS "Sazanami"	1 vessel	Australian Navy: HMAS "Melbourne," Canadian Navy: HMCS "Calgary," MV "Asterix," NZ Navy: HMNZS "Te Mana"
Mine warfare training (Hyuga-nada Sea) and minesweeping special training (Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral exercise)	Nov. 18-28, 2018	Hyuga-nada Sea	The U.S., Australia	Minesweeper Tender, Minesweeper Ocean, Minesweeper Coastal, Minesweeping Controller	22 vessels MCH-101 × 2 or 3	(U.S.) 1 Minesweeper Ocean, MH-53E × 2, approximately 10 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel (Australia) 2 Minesweeper Coastal
Japan-U.S.-U.K. trilateral exercise	Dec. 22, 2018	Waters and airspace south of Honshu	The U.S., the U.K.	Destroyer JS "Izumo"	1 vessel P-1 × 1	(U.S.) P-8A, vessel (U.K.) Frigate HMS "Argyll"
Japan-U.S.-U.K. trilateral exercise	Mar. 14-15, 2019	Waters and airspace south of Honshu	The U.S., the U.K.	Destroyer JS "Murasame" Submarine	2 vessels P-1 × 1	(U.S.) P-8A (U.K.) Frigate HMS "Montrose"
Malaysian Navy-Hosted Multinational Maritime Exercise	Mar. 31, 2019	Langkawi (Malaysia) and its surrounding waters and airspace	Malaysia, etc.	Destroyer JS "Akagiri," Escort Division 14	1 vessel Approximately 200 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-India-Philippines Four-Country Exercise	May 3-9, 2019	Waters west of Kyushu through the East China Sea	The U.S., India, the Philippines	Destroyers JS "Izumo," and JS "Murasame"	2 vessels	(U.S.) Guided-missile destroyer USS "William P. Lawrence" (India) Guided-missile destroyer INS "Kolkata," Replenishment tanker INS "Shakti" (The Philippines) Frigate BRP "Andres Bonifacio"
Japan-France-Australia-U.S. Four-Country Exercise (La Perouse)	May 19-22, 2019	Waters and Airspace west of Sumatra (Indian Ocean)	France, Australia, the U.S.	Destroyers JS "Izumo," and JS "Murasame"	2 vessels	(France) Aircraft Carrier FS "Charles de Gaulle," Guided-missile destroyer FS "Forbin," Frigates FS "Provence," and FS "Latouche Treville," Replenishment tanker FS "Marne" (Australia) Frigate HMAS "Toowoomba," submarine (U.S.) Guided-missile destroyer USS "William P. Lawrence"

Exercise	Period	Location	Participating countries	Participating SDF units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (partner country)
Japan-U.S.-Australia-ROK Four-Country Exercise (Pacific Vanguard 19-1)	May 23-28, 2019	Waters and airspace around Guam	The U.S., Australia, the ROK	Destroyers JS "Ariake," and JS "Asahi"	2 vessels	(U.S.) Amphibious command ship USS "Blue Ridge," Guided-missile cruiser USS "Antietam," Destroyer USS "Curtis Wilbur," Replenishment oilers USNS "Rappahannock," and USNS "Richard E. Byrd," P-8A, EA-18G (Australia) Frigates HMAS "Melbourne," and HMAS "Parramatta," Submarine HMAS "Farncomb" (ROK) Destroyer ROKS "Wang Geon"
Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training	May 29, 2019	Waters and airspace around Guam	The U.S., Australia	Destroyers JS "Ariake," and JS "Asahi"	2 vessels	(U.S.) Destroyer USS "Curtis Wilbur" (Australia) Submarine HMAS "Farncomb"
Mine warfare training (Mutsu Bay) and minesweeping special training (Japan-U.S.-India trilateral exercise)	Jul. 18-30, 2019	Mutsu Bay	The U.S., India	Minesweeper Tender, Minesweeper Ocean, Minesweeper Coastal, Minesweeping Controller	18 vessels MCH-101 × 3 P-3C × 4 P-1 × 1	(U.S.) 1 Minesweeper Ocean, MH-53E × 2, approximately 10 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel (India) Approximately 4 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel
Japan-U.S.-India Trilateral Exercise (Malabar 2019)	Sep. 26-Oct. 4, 2019	Anchor phase: Sasebo On-the-sea phase: waters and airspace of Sasebo through south of Kanto	The U.S., India	Destroyers JS "Samidare," JS "Chokai," and JS "Kaga" Underway Replenishment Ship JS "Omi"	4 vessels P-1 × 1	(U.S.) Destroyer USS "McCampbell," P-8A, submarine (India) Frigate INS "Sahyadri," Corvette INS "Kiltan," P-8I
U.S.-Hosted International Maritime Exercise	Oct. 28-Nov. 14, 2019	Waters around Bahrain	The U.S., Australia, countries in the Middle East, Europe, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and South America, etc.	Minesweeper Tender JS "Bungo," Minesweeper Division 3, Minesweeper Coastal JS "Takashima"	2 vessels Approximately 180 personnel	—
U.S.-Philippines joint exercise (MTA Sama Sama 2019)	Oct. 14-19, 2019	Waters and airspace east of Palawan Island	The U.S., the Philippines	Air Patrol Squadron 5	P-3C × 2	(U.S.) P-8A × 1, 2 vessels, etc. (The Philippines) C-90 × 1, 1 vessel, etc.
8th Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise (Pacific Reach 2019)	Nov. 4-15, 2019	On-the-sea exercise: waters west of Perth Land training and events: HMAS Stirling of Royal Australian Navy	The U.S., Australia, the ROK, Singapore, Malaysia (approximately 20 observer countries)	Submarine Rescue Ship JS "Chiyoda"	1 vessel Approximately 150 personnel	—
MSDF training (field training [Japan-U.S.-Australia-Canada multilateral training])	Nov. 4-21, 2019	Waters and airspace around Japan	The U.S., Australia, Canada	—	Approximately 20 vessels Approximately 40 aircraft	(U.S.) Approximately 5 vessels (Australia) 2 vessels, 2 aircraft (Canada) 1 vessel
Minesweeping special training (Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral training)	Nov. 18-28, 2019	Hyuga-nada Sea	The U.S., Australia	Minesweeper Tender, Minesweeper Ocean, Minesweeper Coastal, Minesweeping Controller,	17 vessels MCH-101 × 2 or 3 Approximately 1,000 personnel	(U.S.) 1 mine countermeasures ship, MH-53E × 2, approximately 10 Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel (Australia) 2 mine countermeasures ships
FY2019 multilateral exercise for fixed-wing aircraft hosted by U.S. Navy (Sea Dragon 2020)	Jan. 20-31, 2020	Waters and airspace around Guam	The U.S., Australia, New Zealand, the ROK	Air Development Squadron 51	P-3C × 1 Approximately 30 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral exercise (Cope North 20)	Jan. 31-Mar. 6, 2020	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.) and its surrounding waters and airspace	The U.S., Australia	71st Fighter Squadron	US-2 × 1 Approximately 30 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training	Jul. 19-23, 2020	Waters and airspace of South China Sea and the eastern offshore of the Philippines through Guam	The U.S., Australia	Destroyer JS "Teruzuki"	1 vessel	(U.S.) Aircraft carrier USS "Ronald Regan," Guided-missile cruiser USS "Antietam," guided-missile destroyer USS "Mustin" (Australia) Amphibious assault ship HMAS "Canberra," destroyer HMAS "Hobart," frigate HMAS "Arunta," "Stuart," replenishment ship HMAS "Sirius"

Exercise	Period	Location	Participating countries	Participating SDF units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (partner country)
Multilateral Training Hosted by the U.S. Navy (SEACAT 2020)	Jul. 21-23, 2020	—	The U.S., etc.	Maritime Staff Office	—	—
Rim of the Pacific Exercise hosted by the U.S. (RIMPAC 2020)	Aug. 17-31, 2020	Waters and airspace around Hawaiian Islands	—	Destroyer JS “Ise,” and JS “Ashigara”	2 vessels Approximately 550 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-Australia-ROK Multilateral Exercise (Pacific Vanguard 20)	Sep. 12-13, 2020	Waters and airspace around Guam	The U.S., Australia, the ROK	Destroyer JS “Ise,” and JS “Ashigara”	2 vessels	(U.S.) Destroyer USS “Barry,” replenishment ship USS “John Ericsson,” submarine, aircraft (Australia) Frigate HMAS “Arunta,” “Stuart” (ROK) Destroyer ROKS “Chungmugong Yi Sun-sin,” ROKS “Seoae Ryu Seong-ryong”
Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training	Oct. 19-20, 2020	South China Sea	The U.S., Australia	Destroyer JS “Kirisame”	1 vessel	(U.S.) Destroyer USS “John S. McCain” (Australia) Frigate HMAS “Arunta”
Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training	Nov. 6-7, 2020	Bay of Bengal	The U.S., Australia	Destroyer JS “Onami”	1 vessel	(U.S.) Destroyer USS “John S. McCain” (Australia) Frigate HMAS “Ballarat”
Japan-U.S.-India-Australia Multilateral Exercise (Malabar 2020)	Nov. 3-6, 2020	Waters and airspace east of Indian Ocean (Bay of Bengal)	The U.S., India, Australia	Destroyer JS “Onami”	1 vessel	(U.S.) Destroyer USS “John S. McCain” (India) Destroyer INS “Ranvijay,” frigate INS “Shivalik,” replenishment ship INS “Shakti,” submarine INS “Sindhuraj,” P-8I, etc. (Australia) Frigate HMAS “Ballarat”
	Nov. 17-20, 2020	Waters and airspace north of Arabian Sea	The U.S., India, Australia	Destroyer JS “Murasame,” Air Development Squadron 51	1 vessel 2 personnel	(U.S.) Aircraft carrier USS “Nimitz,” cruiser USS “Princeton,” destroyer USS “Sterett,” P-8A (India) Aircraft carrier INS “Vikramaditya,” destroyer INS “Kolkata,” “Chennai,” frigate INS “Talwar,” submarine INS “Khanderi,” replenishment ship INS “Deepak,” P-8I, MIG-29K, DORNIER, etc. (Australia) Frigate HMAS “Ballarat”
Japan-U.S.-France Trilateral Exercise	Dec. 15-17, 2020	Waters and airspace around Okinotorishima Island	The U.S., France	Destroyer JS “Hyuga”	1 vessel	(U.S.) Destroyer USS “John S. McCain,” P-8A (France) Submarine FS “Émeraude”
FY2020 Multilateral Exercise for Fixed-wing Aircraft hosted by U.S. Navy (Sea Dragon 2021)	Jan. 14-28, 2021	Waters and airspace around Guam	The U.S., etc.	Air Division 12	P-1 × 2 Approximately 40 personnel	—
Multilateral Navy Exercise hosted by Pakistan (AMAN21)	Feb. 11-16, 2021	Waters and airspace north of Arabian Sea	Pakistan, etc.	Destroyer JS “Suzunami”	1 vessel 2 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-France Trilateral Exercise	Feb. 19, 2021	Waters and airspace west of Kyusyu	The U.S., France	Underway Replenishment Ship JS “Hamana”	1 vessel	(U.S.) Destroyer USS “Curtis Wilbur” (France) Frigate FS “Priaril”
Japan-France-Belgium Trilateral Exercise	Mar. 17-18, 2021	Gulf of Aden	France, Belgium	Destroyer JS “Ariake”	1 vessel	(France) Aircraft carrier FS “Charles de Gaulle,” destroyer FS “Provence,” replenishment ship FS “Var” (Belgium) Frigate BNS “Leopold I”
Japan-U.S.-France-Belgium Multilateral Exercise	Mar. 19-20, 2021	Arabian Sea	The U.S., France, Belgium	Destroyer JS “Ariake”	1 vessel	(U.S.) Guided missile cruiser USS “Port Royal,” amphibious assault ship USS “Makin Island” (France) Aircraft carrier FS “Charles de Gaulle,” destroyer FS “Provence,” “Chevalier Paul” (Belgium) Frigate BNS “Leopold I”

Air Self-Defense Force

Exercise	Period	Location	Participating countries	Participating SDF units	Numbers of personnel, etc. (Japan)	Numbers of personnel, etc. (partner country)
Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral HA/DR exercise in the Federated States of Micronesia, etc. (Christmas Drop)	Dec. 5-17, 2018	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Micronesia, Palau and Northern Mariana Islands, and their surrounding airspace	The U.S., Australia	1st Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command	1 aircraft Approximately 30 personnel	(U.S.) C-130J × 3 (Australia) C-130J × 1
Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training (Cope North Guam)	Feb. 7-Mar. 19, 2019	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Tinian Island, Rota and Farallon de Medinilla Target Range, and their surrounding airspace	The U.S., Australia	8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing, Air Rescue Wing, Airborne Early Warning Group, Air Defense Command 1st Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command	Approximately 20 aircraft Totaling approximately 450 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral HA/DR exercise in the Federated States of Micronesia, etc. (Christmas Drop)	Dec. 4-16, 2019	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Northern Mariana Islands (the U.S.), Palau and Micronesia, and their surrounding airspace	The U.S., Australia, New Zealand	1st Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command	1 aircraft Approximately 30 personnel	(U.S.) C-130J × 3 (Australia) C-130J × 1 (NZ) C-130J × 1
Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise and Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral HA/DR Exercise (Cope North 20)	Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise: Jan. 31-Mar. 8, 2020	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Northern Mariana Islands, Tinian Island and Farallon de Medinilla Target Range, and their surrounding airspace	The U.S., Australia	8th Air Wing, 9th Air Wing, Air Rescue Wing, Airborne Early Warning Group, Air Defense Command 1st Tactical Airlift Wing, 3rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command	F-15J/DJ × 8 F-2A/B × 6 U-125A × 2 E-2C × 2 C-2 × 1 KC-767 × 1 Approximately 450 personnel	—
	Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral HA/DR Exercise: Feb. 12-26, 2020	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Tinian Island and Rota, and their surrounding airspace	The U.S., Australia	Air Rescue Wing, Air Tactics Development Wing, 3rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command, Aero Medical Evacuation Squadron, etc.	U-125A × 2 C-2 × 1 (Approximately 70 personnel)	—
Multilateral Virtual Exercise hosted by U.S. Space Force (Schriever Wargame 2020)	Nov. 4-5, 2020	Ichigaya (Online)	The U.S., Australia, Canada, France, Germany, New Zealand, the U.K.	Internal Bureau, Joint Staff Office, Air Staff Office	18 personnel	—
Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise and Japan-U.S.-Australia-France Multilateral HA/DR Exercise (Note 2) (Cope North 21)	Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise: Jan. 18-Feb. 28, 2021	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Farallon de Medinilla Target Range and their surrounding airspace, Palau Babeldaob Island Roman Tometuchel International Airport and Angaur Island	The U.S., Australia	2nd Air Wing, 8th Air Wing, Airborne Early Warning Group, 3rd tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command	F-15J/DJ×6 F-2A×3 E-767×1 C-2×1 Approximately 250 personnel	—
	Japan-U.S.-Australia-France Multilateral HA/DR Exercise: Jan. 18-Feb. 28, 2021	Andersen Air Force Base (Guam, the U.S.), Farallon de Medinilla Target Range and their surrounding airspace, Palau	The U.S., Australia	Base Defense Development & Training Squadron, 3rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Support Command	C-2 x 1 Approximately 110 personnel	—

Notes: 1. The numbers of personnel, etc., are based on those at the time of release. The total number of personnel may not match the actual number if it is the sum of approximate numbers.  
2. Changes are made to participating countries, etc., due to the impact of COVID-19.



**Reference 47 Dispatch of Ministry of Defense Personnel to International Organizations**

(As of March 31, 2021)

## (1) Dispatch of Personnel to United Nations Agencies

Period of Dispatch	Position in the Dispatched Organization	Dispatched Personnel
Jun. 9, 1997–Jun. 30, 2002, Aug. 1, 2004–Jul. 31, 2007	Inspectorate Division Director, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)	1 GSDF personnel (Major General) <sup>1</sup>
Jun. 23, 1997–Jun. 23, 2000	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)	1 GSDF officer (Captain)
Oct. 1, 2002–Jun. 30, 2007	Head, Operations and Planning Branch, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)	1 GSDF personnel (Colonel)
Jul. 11, 2005–Jul. 10, 2009	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)	1 GSDF personnel (Major)
Jan. 9, 2009–Jan. 8, 2013	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)	1 GSDF personnel (Major)
Aug. 27, 2013–Aug. 31, 2016	Inspector, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (The Hague, the Netherlands)	1 GSDF officer (Captain)
Dec. 2, 2002–Jun. 1, 2005	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Nov. 28, 2005–Nov. 27, 2008	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Jan. 16, 2011–Jan. 15, 2014	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Sep. 18, 2013–Sep. 17, 2016	Force Generation Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Jun. 1, 2015–Nov. 30, 2017	Senior Military Liaison Officer, Africa I Division, Office of Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO) (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Colonel)
Mar. 1–Aug. 31, 2016	Strategic Support Service, Logistics Support Division, Department of Field Support, United Nations (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Colonel) <sup>2</sup>
Aug. 29, 2016–Aug. 26, 2019	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations (UNDPO) (New York) <sup>3</sup>	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Feb. 11, 2017–Feb. 18, 2020	Strategic Support Service, Logistics Division, Department of Operational Support, United Nations (New York) <sup>4</sup>	1 administrative official
Apr. 1, 2018–Dec. 31, 2020	Group of Experts, Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (New York)	1 instructor
Oct. 19, 2019–	Military Planning Service, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations (UNDPO) (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Aug. 8, 2020–	Support Partnerships Service, Division for Special Activities, United Nations Department of Operational Support (New York)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Mar. 15, 2021	Support Partnerships Service, Division for Special Activities, United Nations Department of Operational Support (New York)	1 administrative official

Notes: 1. The OPCW Inspectorate Division Director served in office until July 2009 after his retirement from the SDF on August 1, 2007.

2. Dispatched as an official of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

3. Due to the organizational change on January 1, 2019, the name changed from “Department of Peacekeeping Operations” to “Department of Peace Operations.”

4. Due to the organizational change on January 1, 2019, the name changed from “Department of Field Support” to “Department of Operational Support.”

## (2) Dispatch of Instructors and Others to PKO Centers, etc.

Period of Dispatch	Position in the Dispatched Organization	Dispatched Personnel
Nov. 21–30, 2008	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)	2 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
May 22–Jun. 6, 2009	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)	1 GSDF personnel (Major General)
Aug. 28–Sep. 5, 2009	Peacekeeping School in Bamako (Mali)	2 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Apr. 10–17, 2010	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel) *1
Aug. 14–30, 2010	Peacekeeping School in Bamako (Mali)	1 GSDF personnel (Colonel)
Nov. 15–20, 2011	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Ghana)	1 GSDF personnel (Colonel)
Jul. 31–Aug. 5, 2012	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)	1 GSDF personnel (Colonel)
Dec. 15–19, 2012	Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) (Egypt)	1 ASDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Mar. 9–14, 2013	South African National Peace Mission Training Centre (PMTC) (South Africa)	1 MSDF personnel (Captain)
Aug. 28–Sep. 1, 2013	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Oct. 5–9, 2013	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)	1 MSDF personnel (Captain)
Mar. 8–13, 2014	South African National Peace Mission Training Centre (PMTC) (South Africa)	1 MSDF personnel (Captain)
Mar. 23–May 25, 2014	Ethiopian International Peace Keeping Training Centre (EIPKTC) (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Aug. 12, 2014	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya) (dispatched to give lecture in South Sudan)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Oct. 5–9, 2014	International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) (Kenya)	1 MSDF personnel (Captain)
Oct. 6–23, 2014	Ethiopian International Peace Keeping Training Centre (EIPKTC) (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Mar. 19–Apr. 1, 2015	UN Peacekeeping Centre (India)	1 MSDF personnel (Captain)
Jun. 4–Jul. 1, 2015	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia) *2	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Sep. 5–20, 2015	South African National Peace Mission Training Centre (PMTC) (South Africa)	1 MSDF personnel (Captain)
Oct. 22–Nov. 7, 2015	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Mar. 21–Apr. 1, 2016	UN Peacekeeping Centre (India)	1 MSDF personnel (Captain)
May 31–Jun. 17, 2016	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Nov. 4–19, 2016	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Mar. 6–19, 2017	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	2 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Jun. 2–18, 2017	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	2 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Dec. 1–15, 2017	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	2 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Jun. 30–Jul. 15, 2018	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Aug. 22–28, 2018	Indonesian National Defense Forces Peacekeeping Centre (Indonesia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Nov. 2–18, 2018	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Mar. 3–15, 2019	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Jun. 28–Jul. 12, 2019	Peace Support Training Centre (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Nov. 8–22, 2019	International Peace Support Training Institute (Ethiopia) *3	1 GSDF personnel (Lieutenant Colonel)
Mar. 6–15, 2020	International Peace Support Training Institute (Ethiopia)	1 GSDF personnel (Major)

\*1 First dispatch of female SDF personnel.

\*2 In June 2015, the name changed from "International Peace Keeping Training Centre" to "Peace Support Training Centre."

\*3 In October 2019, the name changed from "Peace Support Training Center" to "International Peace Support Training Institute."

**Reference 48 Summary Comparison of Laws Concerning International Peace Cooperation Activities**

Item	International Peace Support Act	International Peace Cooperation Act	Japan Disaster Relief Team Law	Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq (Expired on July 31, 2009)	Replenishment Support Special Measures Law (Expired on January 15, 2010)
Purpose	○Contribution to ensuring peace and security of the international community	○Proactive contribution to U.N.-centered efforts towards international peace	○Contribution to promotion of international cooperation	○Proactive contribution to the efforts by the international community to support and encourage the self-reliant efforts by the Iraqi people towards the prompt reconstruction of the State of Iraq ○Contribution to ensuring peace and security of the international community including Japan through the reconstruction of Iraq	○Proactive contribution to the international community to prevent and eradicate international terrorism ○Contribution to ensuring peace and security of the international community including Japan
Provisions in the SDF Law	○Provision under Article 84-5 (Chapter 6) of the SDF Law	○Provision under Article 84-5 (Chapter 6) of the SDF Law	○Provision under Article 84-5 (Chapter 6) of the SDF Law	○Supplementary provisions of the SDF Law	○Supplementary provisions of the SDF Law
Major Activities	○Cooperation and support activities <sup>1</sup> ○Search and rescue activities <sup>1</sup> ○Ship inspection operations <sup>3</sup>	○International peacekeeping activities ○Internationally coordinated operations for peace and security ○International humanitarian assistance ○International election monitoring activities ○Supplies cooperation for the abovementioned activities	○Rescue activities ○Medical treatment (including prevention of epidemics) ○Activities for disaster emergency response and disaster recovery ○Transportation of personnel or equipment/ goods for the abovementioned activities	○Humanitarian and reconstruction assistance activities ○Support activities for ensuring security	○Replenishment support activities
Areas of Operation	○Territories of Japan ○Territories of foreign countries (consent of the agency in charge of administration (in such countries) is required). ○High seas and the airspace above	○Areas excluding Japan (including the high seas) (A ceasefire agreement between the parties of the dispute and an agreement by the receiving country are required)	○Regions overseas, especially in less-developed regions	○Territories of Japan ○Territories of foreign countries (consent of the agency in charge of administration is required in such countries and in Iraq) <sup>2</sup> ○High seas and the airspace above <sup>2</sup>	○Territories of Japan ○Territories of foreign countries (limited to the Indian Ocean States) (consent of such countries is required) <sup>2</sup> ○High seas (limited to the Indian Ocean, etc.) and the airspace above <sup>2</sup>
Diet Approval	○Prior approval required without exception	○To be discussed in advance in the Diet in principle, only for cases where SDF units, etc. conduct so-called ceasefire monitoring and safety-ensuring operations <sup>4</sup>	N/A	○To be discussed in the Diet within 20 days from the day since the SDF initiates such measures <sup>4</sup>	(Note 5)
Diet Report	○Report on the details of operation plan is required without delay	○Report about the details of operation plan is required without delay	N/A	○Report on the details of operation plan is required without delay	○Report about the details of operation plan is required without delay

Notes: 1. Limited to sites where combat is not taking place.

2. Limited to areas where combat is not taking place or not expected to take place while Japan's activities are being implemented.

3. Operations shall be conducted in waters where the activities can be clearly distinguished from ship inspection operations carried out by foreign countries.

4. In cases where the Diet is in recess, etc., an approval shall be promptly requested in the Diet at the earliest session.

5. As prescribed by Law, (1) the category and nature of operations shall be limited to supply. (2) As the area of operations is prescribed, including foreign territories, it is not considered necessary to re-obtain the approval of the Diet. Therefore there are no provisions relating to Diet approval.

**Reference 49 The SDF Record in International Peace Cooperation Activities**

(1) Dispatch to the Persian Gulf for minesweeping

(As of March 31, 2021)

Place of Dispatch		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
Persian Gulf, etc.	Persian Gulf Minesweeping Dispatch Unit	Apr.-Oct. 1991	Approx. 510	Approx. 510	- Minesweeping and disposal in the Persian Gulf

(2) International Peace Cooperation Activities

		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) (PKO)	Ceasefire Monitors	Sep. 1992 - Sep. 1993	8	16	- Monitor custody of weapons collected - Monitor observance of ceasefire
	Engineer unit	Sep. 1992 - Sep. 1993	600	1,200	- Repair roads, bridges and other infrastructure - Supply fuel and water - Supply food and accommodation, provide facilities for work and medical care
United Nations operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) (PKO)	Headquarters staff	May 1993 - Jan. 1995	5	10	- Draft mid-and long-term plans, plan and coordinate transport operations
	Transport coordination unit	May 1993 - Jan. 1995	48	144	- Support customs clearance work and provide other transport related technical coordination in the allocation of transport
Humanitarian Relief Operation for Rwandan Refugees (Humanitarian aid)	Rwandan refugee relief unit	Sep. - Dec. 1994	260	260	- Medical care, prevention of epidemics, water supplies
	Air transport unit	Sep. - Dec. 1994	118	118	- Air transport of Rwandan refugee relief unit personnel and supplies - Air transport of personnel of international organizations, etc., and materials
United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) (PKO)	Headquarters staff	Feb. 1996 - Feb. 2009	1st-13th personnel: 2	38	- Create PR and budgets, plan and coordinate transport, maintenance and other operations
		Feb. 2009 - Jan. 2013	14th-17th personnel: 3		
	Transport unit	Feb. 1996 - Aug. 2012	1st-33rd personnel: 43	1,463	- Transport food and other supplies - Store goods at supply warehouses, repair roads and other infrastructure, maintain heavy machinery, conduct firefighting and snow clearance
Aug. 2012 - Jan. 2013	34th personnel: 44				
Humanitarian Relief Operations in Timor-Leste	Air transport unit	Nov. 1999 - Feb. 2000	113	113	- Air transport of relief supplies and UNHCR related personnel
Humanitarian Relief Operations for Afghanistan Refugees	Air transport unit	Oct. 2001	138	138	- Air transport of relief supplies
United Nations Transitional Administration in Timor-Leste (UNTAET) (United Nations Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMISSET) from May 20, 2002) (PKO)	Headquarters staff	Feb. 2002 - Jun. 2004	1st rotation: 10 2nd rotation: 7	17	- Plan and coordinate engineering and logistics operations
	Engineer unit	Mar. 2002 - Jun. 2004	1st and 2nd rotation: 680 3rd rotation: 522 4th rotation: 405	2,287	- Maintain and repair roads and bridges - Maintain reservoirs used by units of other nations and local inhabitants that are in Dili and other locations - Public welfare support operations
Humanitarian Relief Operations for Iraqi Refugees (Humanitarian aid)	Air transport unit	Mar. - Apr. 2003	50	50	- Air transport of relief supplies
Humanitarian Relief Operations for Iraqi Victims (Humanitarian aid)	Air transport unit	Jul. - Aug. 2003	98	98	- Air transport of materials
United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) (PKO)	Arms monitors	Mar. 2007 - Jan. 2011	6	24	- Monitor management of weapons of Maoist soldiers and those of the Nepalese government force
United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) (PKO)	Headquarters staff	Oct. 2008 - Sep. 2011	2	12	- Coordination in UNMISS concerning overall logistics of the military sector - Database management
United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) (PKO)	Headquarters staff	Feb. 2010 - Jan. 2013	2	12	- Coordination of facility-related duties and overall military logistics
	Engineer unit	Feb. 2010 - Jan. 2013	1st rotation: 203 2nd rotation: 346 3rd and 4th rotation: 330 5th and 6th rotation: 317 7th rotation: 297 Withdrawal support unit: 44	2,184	- Remove rubble, repair roads, construct simple facilities, etc.
United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (PKO)	Military liaison officer	Sep. 2010 - Sep. 2012	2	8	- Intelligence gathering on the security situation across Timor-Leste

		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) (PKO)	Headquarters staff	Nov. 2011 -	4	43	- Coordination regarding the demand of overall military logistics - Management of database - Planning and coordination of engineering duties - Planning and coordination of aircraft operation supports
	Engineer Unit	Jan. 2012 - May 2017	1st rotation: 239 2nd - 4th rotation: 349 5th and 6th rotation: 401 7th - 10th rotation: 353 11th rotation: 354 Withdrawal support unit: 58	3,912	- Development of infrastructure (The following duties were added after 5th personnel) - Consultation and coordination with UNMISS regarding engineer unit activities - Coordination regarding logistics
	Local support coordination center	Jan. 2012 - Dec. 2013	(Number of personnel for 1st to 4th rotations includes personnel at the local support coordination center)		- Consultation and coordination with UNMISS regarding engineer unit activities - Coordination regarding logistics
International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Sinai Peninsula (Internationally coordinated operation)	Headquarters staff	Apr. 2019 -	2	4	- Liaison and coordination between Egypt and Israel and the MFO

Notes: 1. Other operations have included support activities in the areas of transport and supply carried out by units of the MSDF (in Cambodia and Timor-Leste) and the ASDF (in Cambodia, Mozambique, the Golan Heights, Timor-Leste, and Afghanistan).

2. An advance unit of 23 people was additionally sent as part of the Rwandan refugee relief effort.

### (3) International Disaster Relief Activities by the SDF

		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
International Disaster Relief Activities in Honduras (hurricane disaster)	Medical unit	Nov.-Dec. 1998	80	185	- Medical treatment and prevention of epidemics
	Air transport unit		105		- Transportation of equipment for medical units, etc.
Transportation of materials required for International Disaster Relief Activities in Iran (earthquake disaster)	Maritime transport unit	Sep.-Nov. 1999	426	426	- Marine transportation of materials required for international disaster relief activities (e.g., temporary dwellings)
International Disaster Relief Activities in India (earthquake disaster)	Material support unit	Feb. 2001	16	94	- Delivery of aid materials and technical instruction on aid materials
	Air transport unit		78		- Air transport of aid materials and support units, etc.
Transportation of materials required for International Disaster Relief Activities in Iran (earthquake disaster)	Air transport unit	Dec. 2003-Jan. 2004	31	31	- Air transport of materials required for international disaster relief activities (tents, etc.)
International Disaster Relief Activities in Thailand (earthquake/tsunami disaster)	Dispatched maritime unit	Dec. 2004-Jan. 2005	590	590	- Search and rescue activities for the disaster struck victims
International Disaster Relief Activities in Indonesia (earthquake, tsunami)	Joint liaison office	Jan.-Mar. 2005	22	925	- Joint arrangements for the international disaster relief activities
	Medical/Air support unit		228		- Air transport of aid materials - Medical treatment and prevention of epidemics
	Maritime transport unit		593		- Marine transportation of GSDF International Disaster Relief Teams - Marine transportation of aid materials
	Air transport unit		82		- Air transport of aid materials
International Disaster Relief Activities off Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia (submarine accident)	Maritime transport unit	Aug. 2005	346	346	- Rescue of a Russian submarine
International Disaster Relief Activities in response to an earthquake in Pakistan, etc. (earthquake disaster)	Air support unit	Oct.-Dec. 2005	147	261	- Air transport in connection with relief activities
	Air transport unit		114		- Air transport of GSDF International Disaster Relief Team
International Disaster Relief Activities in Indonesia (earthquake disaster)	Medical support unit	May-Jun. 2006	149	234	- Medical treatment and prevention of epidemics
	Air transport unit		85		- Air transport of GSDF International Disaster Relief Teams
International Disaster Relief Activities in Indonesia (earthquake)	Joint liaison office	Oct. 2009	21	33	- Joint arrangements for the international disaster relief activities
	Medical support unit		12		- Medical treatment
International Disaster Relief Activities in Haiti (earthquake disaster)	Joint liaison office	Jan.-Feb. 2010	33	234	- Coordination with relevant Haitian organizations and others
	Air transport unit		97		- Air transportation of International Disaster Relief Teams - Air transportation of victims from Haiti to the United States as part of international disaster relief activities on the return trips of said unit
	Medical support unit		104		- Medical treatment



		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
International Disaster Relief Activities in response to floods in Pakistan (flood disaster)	Joint operations coordination center	Aug.–Nov. 2010	27	514	- Joint arrangements for the international disaster relief activities
	Air support unit		184		- Air transport of materials, etc.
	Marine convoy		154		- Marine transportation of GSDF International Disaster Relief Teams
	Air transport unit		149		- Air Transport of GSDF International Disaster Relief Teams
Transportation of materials and personnel required for the implementation of International Disaster Relief Activities in New Zealand (earthquake disaster)	Air transport unit	Feb.–Mar. 2011	40	40	- Air transport of personnel engaging in international disaster relief activities and materials
International Disaster Relief Activities in the Philippines (typhoon disaster)	Joint Operations Coordination Center	Nov.–Dec. 2013	Approx. 10	Approx. 1,100	- Joint arrangements for the international disaster relief activities
	Joint Task Force		Approx. 1,080		- Medical treatment (examination/vaccination) - Prevention of epidemics - Transport of relief supplies, etc.
International Disaster Relief Activities for the missing Malaysian airplane (searching)	Local operation support center	Mar.–Apr. 2014	Approx. 10	Approx. 140	- Coordination with relevant Malaysian organizations and others
	International disaster relief squadron		Approx. 130		- Rescue operations including searching
Transport of materials necessary for International Disaster Relief Activities in response to Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa (infectious disease)	Local coordination center	Nov.–Dec. 2014	4	14	- Coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, JICA, UNMEER, and other relevant organizations engaged in international disaster relief activities
	Air transport unit		10		- Air transport
International Disaster Relief Activities in Indonesia (airplane accident)	Local support coordination center	Dec. 2014 - Jan. 2015	3	Approx. 350	- Information gathering related to rescue operations including search of missing AirAsia Flight 8501, coordination with relevant organizations and countries
	International disaster relief surface force		Approx. 350		- Rescue operations including search of missing AirAsia Flight 8501
International Disaster Relief Activities in response to Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa (infectious disease)	Epidemiological study support	Apr.– May 2015	1	1	- Support for WHO's epidemiological study and other activities in Sierra Leone
International Disaster Relief Activities in Nepal (earthquake disaster)	Joint operations coordination center	Apr.– May 2015	4	Approx. 140	- Coordination with relevant organizations of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal and relevant countries
	Medical support unit		Approx. 110		- Medical treatment
	Air transport unit		Approx. 30		- Air transport of equipment and materials required for medical treatment
International Disaster Relief Activities in New Zealand (earthquake disaster)	Air patrol unit	Nov. 2016	Approx. 30	Approx. 30	- Evaluation of damages
International Disaster Relief Activities in Indonesia (earthquake and tsunami disaster)	Local coordination center	Oct. 2018	Approx. 10	Approx. 60	- Information gathering concerning damages and operations in the affected areas - Coordination with relevant organizations of Indonesia and relevant countries
	Air transport unit		Approx. 50		- Transportation of personnel/materials
International Disaster Relief Activities in Djibouti (heavy rain/flood disaster)	Part of the Deployment Air Force for Counter Piracy Enforcement *	Nov.-Dec. 2019	Approx. 230	Approx. 230	- Drainage work and function recovery of public facilities (elementary and junior high schools), transport and distribution of emergency relief supplies
International Disaster Relief Activities in Australia (bush fire disaster)	Local coordination center	Jan.-Feb. 2020	Approx. 10	Approx. 80	- Coordination with relevant organizations of the Commonwealth of Australia and relevant countries
	Air transport unit		Approx. 70		- Air transport of materials and personnel required for firefighting and relief activities

\* Units dispatched for a counter-piracy mission (see (7) Counter-Piracy Operations) carried out the activities

(4) Cooperative activities based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law

Place of Dispatch		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
Indian Ocean	Units carrying out replenishment support activities	Nov. 2001 - Nov. 2007	Approx. 320	Approx. 10,900	- Materials supplies for foreign vessels
U.S. Forces in Japan, etc.	Units carrying out replenishment support activities		—	Approx. 2,900	- Transportation of materials

(5) Replenishment activities based on the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law

Place of Dispatch		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
Indian Ocean	Replenishment support unit	Jan. 2008 - Feb. 2010	Approx. 330	Approx. 2,400	- Materials supplies for foreign vessels

## (6) Activities based on the Special Measures Law for Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq

Place of Dispatch		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
Southeast Iraq, etc.	Reconstruction assistance group (1st to 10th) Operation assistance unit (1st to 5th)	Jan. 2004 - Jul. 2006	Approx. 600	Approx. 5,600	- Medical treatment, water supply, reconstruction and maintenance of public facilities, etc.
Kuwait, etc.	Evacuation operation unit	Jun.- Sep. 2006	Approx. 100	Approx. 100	- Operations required for evacuation of vehicles, equipment and others
Persian Gulf, etc.	Maritime transport unit	Feb.- Apr. 2004	Approx. 330	Approx. 330	- Maritime transport of vehicles and other equipment required for the GSDF's activities
Kuwait, etc.	Air transportation unit (1st to 16th term)	Dec. 2003 - Dec. 2008	Approx. 210	Approx. 3,500	- Air transportation of materials for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance
Kuwait, etc.	Withdrawal operation unit	Dec. 2008 - Feb. 2009	Approx. 130	Approx. 130	- Operation related to withdrawal

## (7) Counter-Piracy Operations (including dispatches as Maritime Security Operations)

Place of Dispatch		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
Off the coast of Somalia / Gulf of Aden	Maritime Force	Mar. 2009 - Dec. 2016	Approx. 400	Approx. 10,000	Escort of vessels, zone defense, etc.
		Dec. 2016 -	Approx. 200	Approx. 2,600	Escort of vessels, zone defense, etc.
Off the coast of Somalia / Gulf of Aden Djibouti	Air Unit (MSDF)	May 2009 - Feb. 2011	Approx. 100	Approx. 1,640	Surveillance activities in the Gulf of Aden and tasks related to general affairs, accounting, public relations, health, etc.
		Feb. 2011 - Jun. 2012	Approx. 120		
		Jun. 2012 - Jul. 2014	Approx. 110		
Off the coast of Somalia / Gulf of Aden Djibouti	Air Unit (MSDF)	Jul. 2014 - Jul. 2015	Approx. 70	Approx. 210	Surveillance activities in the Gulf of Aden, etc.
Off the coast of Somalia / Gulf of Aden Djibouti		Jul. 2015 -	Approx. 60*	Approx. 1,480*	Surveillance activities in the Gulf of Aden, etc. (Conduct information gathering activities in the Gulf of Aden, especially in the airspace of the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor where counter-piracy operations are carried out, and within the area of the high seas to the west of the northern Arabian sea since January 2020)
Djibouti	Support Unit (MSDF)	Jul. 2014 -	Approx. 30	Approx. 450	Communication and coordination with the relevant authorities of the Republic of Djibouti and other authorities and supports necessary for Air Unit to conduct counter-piracy operation, etc.
Bahrain, etc.	Combined Task Force 151 Command Unit	Aug. 2014 -	Under 20	Approx. 70	Communication and coordination with units of various countries participating in CTF151
Djibouti	Local Coordination Center	Jul. 2012 - Jul. 2014	3	Approx. 12	Communication and coordination with the relevant authorities of the Republic of Djibouti and other authorities necessary for Maritime Force and Air Unit to conduct counter-piracy operation
Djibouti	Air Unit (GSDF)	May 2009 - Feb. 2011	Approx. 50	Approx. 970	Security of activity base and P-3C
		Feb. 2011 - Jun. 2012	Approx. 60		
		Jun. 2012 - Jul. 2014	Approx. 80		
Djibouti	Support Unit (GSDF)	Jul. 2014 -	Approx. 80	Approx. 1,200	Communication and coordination with the relevant authorities of the Republic of Djibouti and other authorities and supports necessary for Air Unit to conduct counter-piracy operation, etc.

## (8) Information Gathering Activities in the Middle East

Place of Dispatch		Period of Dispatch	Number of Personnel	Total Number of Personnel	Description of Principal Tasks
Gulf of Oman, the northern Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden to the east of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait	Maritime Force	Feb. 2020 -	Approx. 200	Approx. 800	Information gathering activities for ensuring the safety of Japan-related vessels
Off the coast of Somalia / Gulf of Aden Djibouti	Air Unit (MSDF) (Conduct by the counter-piracy unit to the extent that it does not interfere with the counter-piracy operation)	Jan. 2020 -	Approx. 60	Approx. 340	Conduct information gathering activities in the Gulf of Aden, especially in the airspace of the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor, where counter-piracy operations are carried out, and within the area of the high seas to the west of the northern Arabian sea since January 2020.

\* Activities by the Air Unit are those by utilizing the counter-piracy unit. The number and the total number of personnel are included in the respective number, with an asterisk, of (7) Counter-Piracy Operations.

**Reference 50** Authorized and Actual Strength of Uniformed SDF Personnel and Changes in Them

(As of March 31, 2021)

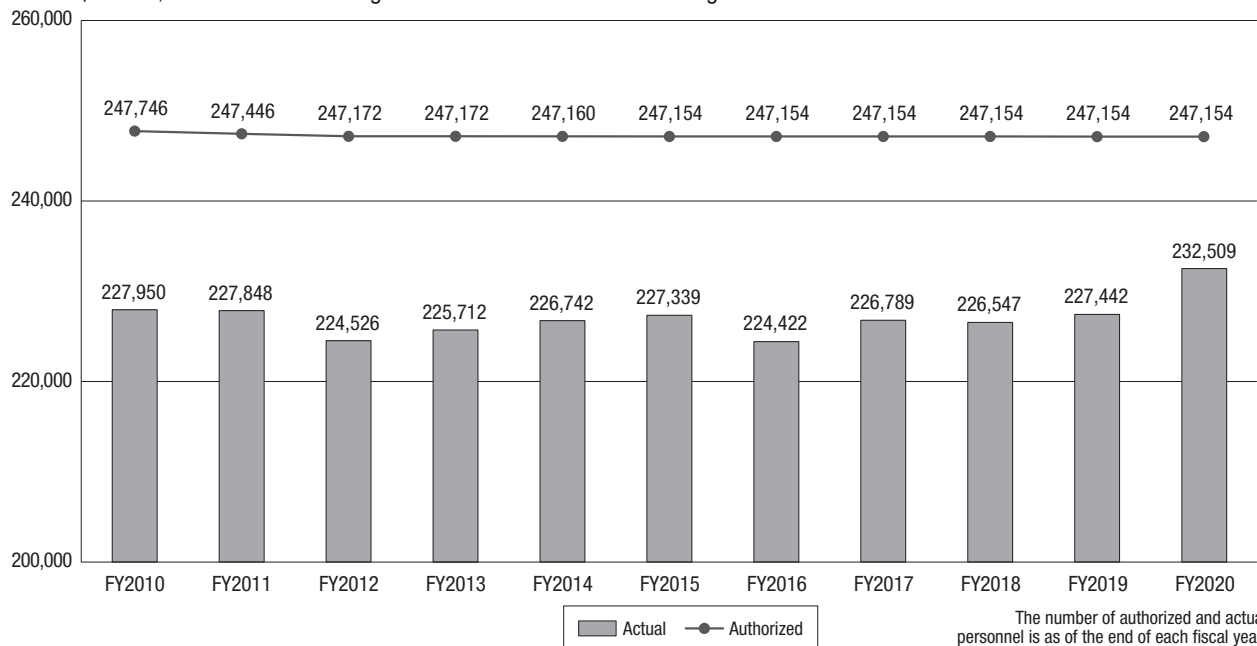
Category	GSDF	MSDF	ASDF	Joint Staff etc.	Total
Authorized	150,695	45,329	46,943	4,187	247,154
Actual	141,443	43,419	43,830	3,817	232,509
Staffing Rate (%)	93.9	95.8	93.4	91.2	94.1

Category	Non-Fixed-Term Personnel						Fixed-Term Personnel			
	Officer		Warrant Officer		Enlisted (upper)		Enlisted (lower)			
Authorized	46,205		4,931		140,349		55,669			
Actual	43,039	(2,532)	4,712	(102)	139,809	(8,997)	24,197	(3,052)	20,752	(3,576)
Staffing Rate (%)	93.1		95.6		99.6		80.7			

Notes: 1. Figures in parentheses denote the number of females included in the preceding value.  
 2. The number of authorized personnel is determined based on the budget.

Reference

(Number of personnel) **Changes in Authorized and Actual Strength of Uniformed SDF Personnel**



**Reference 51 Status of Application and Recruitment of Uniformed SDF Personnel (FY2020)**

Classification		Number Applied	Number Recruited	Competition Ratios	
Officer candidates	GSDF	2,238 ( 317 )	215 ( 28 )	10.4 ( 11.3 )	
	MSDF	1,252 ( 203 )	81 ( 12 )	15.5 ( 16.9 )	
	ASDF	1,649 ( 355 )	80 ( 21 )	20.6 ( 16.9 )	
	Total	5,139 ( 875 )	376 ( 61 )	13.7 ( 14.3 )	
Non-commissioned officers	Technical Petty Officer	MSDF	105 ( 35 )	12 ( 1 )	8.8 ( 35 )
	Technical Sergeant	ASDF	4 ( 2 )	0 ( 0 )	— ( — )
Aviation Cadet	MSDF	699 ( 77 )	73 ( 5 )	9.6 ( 15.4 )	
	ASDF	1,583 ( 182 )	73 ( 4 )	21.7 ( 45.5 )	
	Total	2,282 ( 259 )	146 ( 9 )	15.6 ( 28.8 )	
Non-commissioned officer candidates	GSDF	17,937 ( 3,384 )	4,179 ( 362 )	4.3 ( 9.3 )	
	MSDF	4,725 ( 996 )	1,494 ( 248 )	3.2 ( 4.0 )	
	ASDF	7,186 ( 1,624 )	1,071 ( 378 )	6.7 ( 4.3 )	
	Total	29,848 ( 6,004 )	6,744 ( 988 )	4.4 ( 6.1 )	
Uniformed SDF personnel candidates (Privates)	GSDF	18,635 ( 3,578 )	4,171 ( 1,072 )	4.5 ( 3.3 )	
	MSDF	4,237 ( 845 )	639 ( 105 )	6.6 ( 8.0 )	
	ASDF	6,031 ( 1,421 )	1,854 ( 236 )	3.3 ( 6.0 )	
	Total	28,903 ( 5,844 )	6,664 ( 1,413 )	4.3 ( 4.1 )	
National Defense Academy Students	Recommended	Humanity and social science	142 ( 44 )	30 ( 5 )	4.7 ( 8.8 )
		Science and engineering	284 ( 49 )	125 ( 20 )	2.3 ( 2.5 )
		Total	426 ( 93 )	155 ( 25 )	2.7 ( 3.7 )
	Selective exam	Humanity and social science	123 ( 26 )	14 ( 2 )	8.8 ( 13 )
		Science and engineering	153 ( 14 )	41 ( 3 )	3.7 ( 4.7 )
		Total	276 ( 40 )	55 ( 5 )	5.0 ( 8.0 )
	General exam	Humanity and social science	5,082 ( 2,205 )	67 ( 19 )	75.9 ( 116.1 )
		Science and engineering	6,783 ( 1,528 )	225 ( 23 )	30.1 ( 66.4 )
		Total	11,865 ( 3,733 )	292 ( 42 )	40.6 ( 88.9 )
National Defense Medical College students		5,287 ( 1,771 )	84 ( 20 )	62.9 ( 88.6 )	
National Defense Medical College nursing students (SDF regular personnel candidate and nursing school students)		1,775 ( 1,422 )	75 ( 71 )	23.7 ( 20.0 )	
GSDF High Technical School Students	Recommended	241	93	2.6	
	General exam	1,603	251	6.4	
	Total	1,844	344	5.4	

Notes: 1. Figures in parentheses indicate numbers of females.

2. The numbers are for SDF regular personnel recruited in FY2020.

**Reference 52 Breakdown of Ministry of Defense Personnel, etc.**

(As of March 31, 2021)

	Special Service		Regular Service	
	Authorized Strength	Non-Authorized Strength	Authorized Strength	Non-Authorized Strength
Minister of Defense State Minister of Defense Parliamentary Vice-Ministers of Defense (2) Senior Adviser to the Minister of Defense Special Advisers to the Minister of Defense (up to 3)	Private Secretary of the Minister of Defense		Administrative Officials, and others 26	Part-Time Officials
	SDF Personnel			
	Administrative Vice-Minister of Defense	Candidates for SDF Personnel		
	Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs	Reserve Personnel 47,900		
	Director, Director General, and others 751	Ready Reserve Personnel 7,981		
	Administrative Officials, and others 20,144	Candidates for Reserve Personnel 4,621		
	Uniformed SDF Personnel 247,154	National Defense Academy students		
		National Defense Medical College students		
		GSDF High Technical School students		
		Part-Time Officials		

Notes: 1. Number of personnel refers to the numbers specified in the laws and regulations (as for uniformed SDF Personnel, the number is the authorized number specified in the laws and regulations)  
 2. "Others" in the title includes Minister of Defense, State Minister of Defense, Parliamentary Vice-Ministers of Defense, Senior Adviser to the Minister of Defense, and Private Secretary of the Minister of Defense

**Reference 53 Main Measures for Re-employment Support**

Classification	Measures for re-employment support	Description	
Measures for retiring uniformed SDF personnel	Occupational aptitude testing	Testing aimed to provide retiring uniformed SDF personnel with guidance based on individual aptitudes	
	Career guidance	Provide retiring uniformed SDF personnel with knowhow to choose new occupation and right mindset toward reemployment	
	Business management training	Support uniformed SDF personnel retiring at an early age to cultivate social adaptability, as well as provide necessary knowledge to lead a stable life after reemployment and retirement	
	Vocational training	Technical training	Provide retiring uniformed SDF personnel with skills usable in society after retirement and eligible for qualifications (large-sized vehicle operation, forklift operation, electrician, hazardous material engineer, boiler engineer, heavy-duty vehicle operation, regular-sized vehicle operation, crane operators, first-level training for nursing care workers, large-sized special vehicle operation, registered seller [new for FY2021], financial planner [new for FY2021], pharmacy work [new for FY2021], electrical work construction management engineer [new for FY2021], qualified firefighting equipment inspector [new for FY2021], gas welding work supervisor [new for FY2021], etc.)
		Disaster prevention and risk management training	Provide uniformed SDF officer retiring at an early age with technical knowledge on disaster prevention administration and the Civil Protection Plan (attending lectures in this area are a prerequisite for receiving the Cabinet Office's Regional Disaster Prevention Manager license)
		Correspondence courses	Provide retiring uniformed SDF personnel with skills usable in society after retirement and eligible for qualifications (hazardous materials engineer, electrician, financial planner, real estate transaction specialist, property administrator, health manager, boiler engineer, certified administrative procedures legal specialist, fire defense equipment officer, support to personnel who wish to go to university, etc.)
	Internship program	Implement internship programs for uniformed SDF personnel who plan to retire in order to prevent early retirement due to reemployment mismatches as well as to expand places of re-employment	
	Outsourcing career counseling, etc.	Outsource career counseling, etc., to external experts to meet the needs of each retiring uniformed SDF personnel	
Internship program	Implement internship programs for uniformed SDF personnel who plan to retire in order to prevent early retirement due to re-employment mismatches as well as to expand places of re-employment		
Measures for internal support personnel	Training for support personnel	Training of labor administration, support activities, etc. to improve quality of support personnel	
Measures for promotion outside of SDF	Support for publicity aimed at to business owners	Publicizing to business owners, etc., the effectiveness of uniformed SDF personnel who plan to retire	
	Inviting business owners on unit tours	Invite business owners to SDF units, etc., and provide them with tours, explanations of the re-employment support situation, etc.	

Reference



**Reference 54 Employment Situation of Retired Uniformed SDF Personnel in Disaster Prevention-related Bureaus in Local Government**

(As of March 31, 2021 612 personnel)

Prefectural Government	Government employment situation
Hokkaido	Hokkaido Prefectural Government (five persons), Sapporo City Government (two persons), Hakodate City Government (two persons), Otaru City Government, Asahikawa City Government, Muroran City Government, Kushiro City Government, Obihiro City Government (two persons), Iwamizawa City Government, Rumoi City Government, Tomakomai City Government, Wakkanai City Government, Bibai City Government, Ashibetsu City Government (two persons), Akabira City Government, Mombetsu City Government, Shibetsu City Government, Nayoro City Government, Chitose City Government (three persons), Takikawa City Government, Sunagawa City Government, Furano City Government, Noboribetsu City Government, Eniwa City Government (two persons), Date City Government, Kitahiroshima City Government (two persons), Hokuto City Government, Matsumae Town Office, Nanae Town Office, Shikabe Town Office, Shimamaki Village Office, Kuromatsunai Town Office, Rankoshi Town Office, Niseko Town Office, Kutchan Town Office, Yoichi Town Office, Kamisunagawa Town Office, Naganuma Town Office, Tsukigata Town Office, Shintotsukawa Town Office, Kamifurano Town Office, Nakafurano Town Office (two persons), Minamifurano Town Office, Shimokawa Town Office, Toyotomi Town Office, Rebun Town Office, Rishiri Town Office, Bihoro Town Office, Engaru Town Office (two persons), Atsuma Town Office, Abira Town Office, Shinhidaka Town Office, Otofuke Town Office (two persons), Kamishihoro Town Office, Memuro Town Office, Makubetsu Town Office, Ashoro Town Office, Kushiro Town Office, Shibecha Town Office, Teshikaga Town Office
Aomori	Aomori Prefectural Government (two persons), Aomori City Government (five persons), Hirosaki City Government, Hachinohe City Government (four persons), Towada City Government, Misawa City Government, Ajigasawa Town Office, Fukaura Town Office, Oirase Town Office
Iwate	Iwate Prefectural Government, Morioka City Government, Miyako City Government, Hanamaki City Government, Kamaishi City Government, Hachimantai City Government, Takizawa City Government, Shizukuishi Town Office, Yahaba Town Office, Otsuchi Town Office, Yamada Town Office (two persons), Noda Village Office
Miyagi	Miyagi Prefectural Government, Sendai City Government (two persons), Ishinomaki City Government, Natori City Government, Kakuda City Government, Tagajo City Government, Iwanuma City Government, Tome City Government, Kurihara City Government, Higashi Matsuushima City Government, Shibata Town Office, Marumori Town Office, Watari Town Office, Yamamoto Town Office, Rifu Town Office, Taiwa Town Office, Ohira Village Office, Minamisanriku Town Office
Akita	Akita Prefectural Government (three persons), Akita City Government, Odate City Government, Oga City Government, Yuzawa City Government, Yurihonjo City Government, Katagami City Government, Daisen City Government
Yamagata	Yamagata Prefectural Government, Yamagata City Government, Sakata City Government, Kaminoyama City Government, Murayama City Government, Nagai City Government, Tendo City Government, Higashine City Government
Fukushima	Fukushima Prefectural Government, Fukushima City Government (two persons), Koriyama City Government, Iwaki City Government, Date City Government
Ibaraki	Ibaraki Prefectural Government, Koga City Government, Ryugasaki City Government, Shimotsuma City Government, Joso City Government, Takahagi City Government, Moriya City Government, Hitachi Omiya City Government, Kasumigaura City Government, Sakai Town Office (two persons)
Tochigi	Tochigi Prefectural Government, Utsunomiya City Government, Sano City Government
Gunma	Gunma Prefectural Government (two persons), Yoshioka Town Office, Nakanoho Town Office
Saitama	Saitama Prefectural Government, Saitama City Government (two persons), Fukaya City Government, Asaka City Government, Wako City Government, Okegawa City Government, Fujimi City Government, Yoshikawa City Government, Ranzan Town Office, Kawajima Town Office
Chiba	Chiba Prefectural Government, Chiba City Government, Ichikawa City Government, Funabashi City Government, Tateyama City Government (two persons), Kisarazu City Government, Matsudo City Government (two persons), Mobarra City Government, Narita City Government, Narashino City Government, Kashiwa City Government, Katsuura City Government, Ichihara City Government, Nagareyama City Government, Yachiyo City Government, Kimitsu City Government, Futtsu City Government, Urayasu City Government, Yotsukaido City Government, Yachimata City Government, Inzai City Government, Tomisato City Government, Katori City Government, Sammu City Government, Isumi City Government, Oamishirasato City Government, Shisui Town Office
Tokyo	Tokyo Metropolitan Government (seven persons), Sumida Ward Office, Koto Ward Office, Shinagawa Ward Office (three persons), Ota Ward Office (two persons), Shibuya Ward Office (two persons), Arakawa Ward Office, Itabashi Ward Office (two persons), Adachi Ward Office, Katsushika Ward Office, Hino City Government, Mizuho Town Office
Kanagawa	Kanagawa Prefectural Government (four persons), Yokohama City Government (nine persons), Kawasaki City Government (two persons), Sagami City Government, Yokosuka City Government, Hiratsuka City Government, Kamakura City Government, Fujisawa City Government (four persons), Odawara City Government, Chigasaki City Government, Zushi City Government, Miura City Government, Ebina City Government (three persons), Zama City Government (two persons), Minamishigara City Government, Oiso Town Office, Matsuda Town Office, Yamakita Town Office, Ayase City Government, Hayama Town Office, Matsuda Town Office, Kaisei Town Office, Hakone Town Office (two persons), Yugawara Town Office
Niigata	Niigata Prefectural Government, Niigata City Government, Murakami City Government, Tsubame City Government, Jouetsu City Government, Tainai City Government (two persons), Yahiko Village Office, Sekikawa Village Office
Toyama	Toyama Prefectural Government, Toyama City Government, Tonami City Government
Ishikawa	Ishikawa Prefectural Government, Kanazawa City Government, Wajima City Government, Nomi City Government
Fukui	Fukui Prefectural Government (three persons), Awara City Government
Yamanashi	Yamanashi Prefectural Government (three persons), Fujiyoshida City Government, Minami-Alps City Government, Minobu Town Office (two persons), Oshino Village Office, Yamanakako Village Office, Fujikawaguchiko Town Office,
Nagano	Nagano Prefectural Government, Nagano City Government, Matsumoto City Government, Chino City Government, Shiojiri City Government, Saku City Government, Azumino City Government
Gifu	Gifu Prefectural Government (four persons), Gifu City Government, Mizunami City Government, Kakamigahara City Government, Hida City Government, Kaizu City Government, Ginan Town Office, Sakahogi Town Office
Shizuoka	Shizuoka Prefectural Government (six persons), Shizuoka City Government, Hamamatsu City Government, Atami City Government, Ito City Government, Shimada City Government, Gotenba City Government (three persons), Shimoda City Government, Susono City Government, Izu City Government, Omaezaki City Government, Makinohara City Government, Kannami Town Office, Oyama Town Office
Aichi	Aichi Prefectural Government, Nagoya City Government, Toyohashi City Government (two persons), Okazaki City Government, Handa City Government, Kasugai City Government, Hekinan City Government, Kariya City Government, Toyota City Government, Nishio City Government, Gamagori City Government, Tokoname City Government, Komaki City Government, Inazawa City Government, Tokai City Government, Obu City Government, Chita City Government, Takahama City Government, Toyoake City Government, Kiyosu City Government, Kitanagoya City Government (two persons), Yatomi City Government, Miyoshi City Government (two persons), Ama City Government, Nagakute City Government, Toyoyama Town Office, Oharu Town Office, Kanie Town Office, Tobishima Village Office, Mihama Town Office, Taketoyo Town Office
Mie	Mie Prefectural Government, Tsu City Government, Yokkaichi City Government, Kuwana City Government, Nabari City Government, Kameyama City Government, Toba City Government, Shima City Government
Shiga	Shiga Prefectural Government, Konan City Government (two persons)
Kyoto	Kyoto Prefectural Government (two persons), Maizuru City Government, Yawata City Government (two persons), Kyotanabe City Government, Kizugawa City Government (two persons), Seika Town Office (three persons)
Osaka	Osaka Prefectural Government, Osaka City Government (three persons), Sakai City Government, Kishiwada City Government, Ikeda City Government, Izumiotsu City Government, Kaizuka City Government, Hirakata City Government, Ibaraki City Government, Izumisano City Government, Tondabayashi City Government, Kawachinagano City Government, Daito City Government, Takaishi City Government, Shijonawate City Government, Osakasayama City Government, Toyono Town Office
Hyogo	Hyogo Prefectural Government, Kobe City Government (two persons), Himeji City Government, Akashi City Government, Kawanishi City Government
Nara	Nara Prefectural Government (three persons), Nara City Government (four persons), Yamato Takada City Government, Gojo City Government (three persons), Goshu City Government, Ikoma City Government, Tawaramoto Town Office
Wakayama	Wakayama Prefectural Government, Shirahama Town Office
Tottori	Tottori Prefectural Government (four persons), Tottori City Government, Yonago City Government, Sakaiminato City Government, Nanbu Town Office
Shimane	Shimane Prefectural Government, Matsue City Government, Hamada City Government
Okayama	Okayama Prefectural Government, Kurashiki City Government, Asakuchi City Government, Nagi Town Office

Prefectural Government	Government employment situation
Hiroshima	Hiroshima Prefectural Government (three persons), Hiroshima City Government, Kure City Government, Fukuyama City Government, Mihara City Government, Fuchu City Government, Miyoshi City Government, Otake City Government, Higashihiroshima City Government, Hatsukaichi City Government, Kaita Town Office, Kumano Town Office, Saka Town Office
Yamaguchi	Yamaguchi Prefectural Government, Shimonoseki City Government, Yamaguchi City Government, Hagi City Government, Hofu City Government, Iwakuni City Government, Hikari City Government, Nagato City Government, Waki Town Office, Tabuse Town Office
Tokushima	Tokushima Prefectural Government (six persons), Tokushima City Government, Anan City Government, Yoshinogawa City Government (two persons), Awa City Government, Mima City Government, Miyoshi City Government
Kagawa	Kagawa Prefectural Government, Marugame City Government, Sakaide City Government, Zentsuji City Government, Sanuki City Government, Kotohira Town Office, Manno Town Office
Ehime	Ehime Prefectural Government, Matsuyama City Government, Imabari City Government, Saijo City Government, Ainan Town Office
Kochi	Kochi Prefectural Government, Kochi City Government, Susaki City Government, Konan City Government
Fukuoka	Fukuoka Prefectural Government, Kitakyushu City Government, Fukuoka City Government (two persons), Kurume City Government (two persons), Iizuka City Government (two persons), Chikugo City Government, Yukuhashi City Government, Nakama City Government, Ogori City Government, Kasuga City Government, Onojo City Government (two persons), Munakata City Government, Dazaifu City Government, Asakura City Government, Miyama City Government, Itoshima City Government, Nakagawa City Government (two persons), Kasuya Town Office, Ashiya Town Office, Tachiarai Town Office
Saga	Saga Prefectural Government (four persons), Karatsu City Government, Takeo City Government, Ureshino City Government, Yoshinogari Town Office, Kamimine Town Office, Genkai Town Office
Nagasaki	Nagasaki Prefectural Government (five persons), Nagasaki City Government, Sasebo City Government (three persons), Shimabara City Government, Omura City Government, Matsuura City Government, Tsushima City Government, Iki City Government, Saikai City Government, Unzen City Government
Kumamoto	Kumamoto Prefectural Government (four persons), Kumamoto City Government, Yashiro City Government, Arao City Government, Minamata City Government, Kikuchi City Government, Kamiyamakusa City Government, Koshi City Government, Ozu Town Office, Yamato Town Office, Kuma Village Office
Oita	Oita Prefectural Government (two persons), Oita City Government, Beppu City Government (two persons), Kitsuki City Government, Hiji Town Office
Miyazaki	Miyazaki Prefectural Government (five persons), Miyazaki City Government, Miyakonojo City Government (three persons), Nobeoka City Government, Nichinan City Government, Kobayashi City Government (two persons), Kushima City Government, Saito City Government, Ebino City Government (two persons), Takaharu Town Office, Takanabe Town Office, Shintomi Town Office, Tsuno Town Office, Kadogawa Town Office
Kagoshima	Kagoshima Prefectural Government (four persons), Kagoshima City Government, Kanoya City Government, Izumi City Government, Tarumizu City Government, Satsuma-Sendai City Government, Soo City Government, Kirishima City Government (two persons), Aira City Government, Toshima Village Office, Yusui Town Office, Kinko Town Office, Minami Okuma Town Office
Okinawa	Tomigusuku City Government, Tarama Village Office

Notes: Provided by the Ministry of Defense as of March 31, 2021 (part-time personnel included).

### Reference 55 Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology

(Approved by the National Security Council and the Cabinet on April 1, 2014)

The Government has made it its basic policy to deal with overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology in a careful manner in accordance with Prime Minister Eisaku Sato's remarks at the Diet in 1967 (hereinafter referred to as "the Three Principles on Arms Exports") and the collateral policy guideline by the Miki administration in 1976. These policy guidelines have played a certain role as Japan has been following the path of a peace-loving nation. On the other hand, these policy guidelines including the non-permission of arms exports to communist bloc countries have increasingly proved unsuitable for the current situation. Also, the Government has repeatedly taken exemption measures depending on the individual necessity of each case since arms exports to substantially all areas were not permitted, as a result of not promoting arms exports regardless of the destinations.

Japan has consistently followed the path of a peace-loving nation since the end of World War II. Japan has adhered to a basic policy of maintaining an exclusively national defense-oriented policy, not becoming a military power that poses a threat to other countries, and observing the Three Non-Nuclear Principles. At the same time, surrounded by an increasingly severe security environment and confronted by complex and grave national security challenges, it has become essential for Japan to make more proactive efforts in line with the principle of international cooperation. Japan cannot secure its own peace and security by itself, and the international community expects Japan to play a more proactive role for peace and stability in the world commensurate with its national capabilities. Against this backdrop, under the evolving security environment, Japan will continue to adhere to the course that it has taken to date as a peace-loving nation, and as a major player in world politics and the world economy, contribute even more proactively in securing

peace, stability and prosperity of the international community, while achieving its own security as well as peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, as a "Proactive Contributor to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation.

From the view point of achieving the fundamental principle of national security by implementing concrete policies, the Government, in accordance with the National Security Strategy adopted on December 17, 2013, decided to review the Government's existing policy guidelines on overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology, and set out clear principles which fit the new security environment while giving due consideration to the roles that the existing policy guidelines have played so far and by consolidating the policy guidelines comprehensively with consideration on the past exemption measures.

An appropriate overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology contributes to further active promotion of the maintenance of international peace and security through timely and effective implementation of contribution to peace and international cooperation such as international peace cooperation, international disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, responses to international terrorism and piracy, and capacity building of developing countries (hereinafter referred to as "peace contribution and international cooperation"). Such transfer also contributes to strengthening security and defense cooperation with Japan's ally, the United States as well as other countries. Furthermore, it contributes to maintaining and enhancing Japan's defense production and technological bases, thereby contributing to Japan's enhancement of defense capability, given that international joint development and production projects have become the international mainstream in order to improve the performance of defense equipment and to deal with their rising costs.

On the other hand, since the distribution of defense equipment and technology has significant security, social, economic and humanitarian impact on the international community, the need for

each government to control the transfer of defense equipment and technology in a responsible manner while taking various factors into account is recognized.

In light of the above, while maintaining its basic philosophy as a peace-loving nation that conforms to the Charter of the United Nations and the course it has taken as a peace-loving nation, Japan will control the overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology based on the following three principles. The overseas transfer of facilities related to arms production will continue to be treated in the same manner as defense equipment and technology.

### 1. Clarification of cases where transfers are prohibited

Overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology will not be permitted when:

- 1) the transfer violates obligations under treaties and other international agreements that Japan has concluded,
- 2) the transfer violates obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions, or
- 3) the defense equipment and technology is destined for a country party to a conflict (a country against which the United Nations Security Council is taking measures to maintain or restore international peace and security in the event of an armed attack).

### 2. Limitation to cases where transfers may be permitted as well as strict examination and information disclosure

In cases not within 1. above, cases where transfers may be permitted will be limited to the following cases. Those cases will be examined strictly while ensuring transparency. More specifically, overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology may be permitted in such cases as the transfer contributes to active promotion of peace contribution and international cooperation, or to Japan's security from the viewpoint of—implementing international joint development and production projects with countries cooperating with Japan in security area including its ally, the U.S. (hereinafter referred to as “the ally and partners”),—enhancing security and defense cooperation with the ally and partners, as well as—supporting the activities of the Self-Defense Forces including the maintenance of its equipment and ensuring the safety of Japanese nationals. The Government will conduct strict examination on the appropriateness of the destination and end user, and the extent the overseas transfer of such equipment and technology will raise concern for Japan's security. Then the Government will make a comprehensive judgment in light of the existing guidelines of the international export control regime and based on the information available at the time of export examinations.

Significant cases that require especially careful consideration from the viewpoint of Japan's security will be examined at the National Security Council (NSC). As for the cases that were deliberated at the NSC, the Government will disclose their information in accordance with the Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs (Law No. 42 of 1999).

### 3. Ensuring appropriate control regarding extra-purpose use or transfer to third parties

In cases satisfying 2. above, overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology will be permitted only in cases where appropriate control is ensured. More concretely, the Government will in principle oblige the Government of the recipient country to gain its prior consent regarding extra-purpose use and transfer to third parties. However, appropriate control may be ensured with the confirmation of control system at the destination in such cases as those where the transfer is judged to be appropriate for active promotion of peace contribution and international cooperation, when the transfer involves participation in an international system for sharing parts etc., and when the transfer involves delivery of parts etc., to a licensor.

Implementation guidelines for the policy described above will be decided by the NSC. The Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry will implement the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Law No.228 of 1949) appropriately in accordance with the decision.

For the purpose of this policy, “defense equipment and technology” refers to “arms and military technologies”; “arms” refers to items listed in Section 1, Annexed List 1 of the Export Trade Control Order (Cabinet Order No. 378 of 1949), and are to be used by military forces and directly employed in combat; and “military technologies” refers to technologies for the design, production or use of arms.

The Government will contribute actively to the peace and stability of the international community as a “Proactive Contributor to Peace” based on the principle of international cooperation. Under such policy, it will play a proactive role in the area of controlling defense equipment and technology as well as sensitive dual-use goods and technologies to achieve the early entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty and further strengthen the international export control regimes.

**Reference 56** The First Principle “The Cases Where Transfers Are Prohibited,” the Second Principle “Limitation to Cases Where Transfers May Be Permitted,” and the Third Principle “Ensuring Appropriate Control”

● The First Principle “The Cases Where Transfers Are Prohibited”

Situation	Specific example
(1) Violation of obligations under treaties concluded and other international arrangements	Chemical Weapons Convention, Convention on Cluster Munitions, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Arms Trade Treaty, etc.
(2) Violation of obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions	Security Council Resolution 1718 (nuclear issue of North Korea), etc.
(3) Transfer to a nation which is party to a conflict	Countries which are the target of measures taken by the United Nations Security Council to maintain or restore international peace and security in the event of an armed attack

● The Second Principle “Limitation to Cases Where Transfers May Be Permitted”

Situation	Specific example
(1) Cases that contribute to the active promotion of peace contribution and international cooperation	Overseas transfers that contribute to active promotion of peace contribution and international cooperation, only if the transfers have a positive meaning from the viewpoint of peace contribution and international cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● When the recipient is a foreign government</li> <li>● When the recipient is: the United Nations (UN) System or organizations conducting the activities based on a UN resolution, an organization conducting the activities based on a request from international organizations, or an organization conducting the activities based on a request from countries to which the region in which the activities are conducted belongs and with support from any of the main organs of the UN</li> </ul>
(2) Cases that contribute to the security of Japan	Overseas transfers that contribute to Japan’s security, only if the transfers have a positive meaning from the viewpoint of Japan’s security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overseas transfers that are related to international joint development and production with countries cooperating with Japan in the security area including the U.S.</li> <li>● Overseas transfers that contribute to enhancing security and defense cooperation with countries cooperating with Japan in the security area including the U.S., and of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology included in the provision of supplies and services implemented by the SDF in accordance with laws;</li> <li>· provision of military technology as a part of mutual exchange of technology with the U.S.;</li> <li>· provision of parts or services related to a licensed product of the U.S. or provision of repair services etc. to the U.S. armed forces; or</li> <li>· overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology related to cooperation concerning rescue, transportation, vigilance, surveillance or minesweeping with countries cooperating with Japan in the security area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Overseas transfers that are necessary for supporting activities of the governmental agencies including the Self-Defense Forces (hereinafter referred to as “the SDF etc.”), which include the activities of foreign governments or private entities etc. related to the activities of the SDF etc., or for ensuring the safety of Japanese nationals, and that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· temporary export of equipment, return of purchased equipment or provision of technical information related to the activities of the SDF etc., including replacements of items which need repairing with non-defective items;</li> <li>· export of equipment for the protection or self-protection of public officials or</li> <li>· export of equipment for the self-protection of Japanese nationals operating in dangerous areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
(3) In cases where the influence is judged to be extremely limited from the perspective of the security of Japan	· Returning of misdirected items, export of sample items on the premise that they will be returned, re-export of equipment brought in by police officers of overseas government agencies, etc.

● The Third Principle “Ensuring Appropriate Control”

In cases satisfying 2. above, overseas transfer of defense equipment and technology will be permitted only in cases where appropriate control is ensured.

**Reference 57** List of Maneuver Areas

Category	Name	Location	Size				Notes
			Administrative properties	Properties of other ministries	Private properties	Total	
Large maneuver areas	Yausubetsu	Hokkaido	168,134	—	15	168,149	
	Hokkaido	Hokkaido	95,805	143	9	95,957	Consists of 7 areas.
	Ojojihara	Miyagi	42,487	11	4,059	46,557	
	Kitafuji	Yamanashi	19,659	6	26,930	46,595	
	Higashifuji	Shizuoka	29,338	5,139	53,831	88,308	
	Hijudai	Oita	49,870	—	—	49,870	
	Total	6	405,292	5,299	84,845	495,436	
Medium maneuver areas	Onishibetsu	Hokkaido	14,925	—	—	14,925	
	Kamifurano	Hokkaido	42,851	3	14	42,867	
	Shikaribetsu	Hokkaido	33,288	—	4	33,292	
	Iwatesan	Iwate	22,891	—	0	22,891	
	Shirakawanunobikiyama	Fukushima	18,108	1	1,716	19,825	
	Soumagahara	Gunma	6,312	—	2,725	9,036	
	Sekiyama	Niigata	15,854	—	2,994	18,848	
	Aibano	Shiga	22,555	—	2,234	24,789	
	Aonogahara	Hyogo	6,085	—	—	6,085	
	Nihonbara	Okayama	14,661	—	4,982	19,643	
	Onohara	Nagasaki, Saga	5,992	—	83	6,075	
	Oyanohara	Kumamoto	16,328	12	—	16,340	
	Jumonjibaru	Oita	6,328	—	79	6,407	
	Kirishima	Miyazaki, Kagoshima	11,093	5	—	11,098	
Total	14	237,272	22	14,830	252,123		
Small maneuver areas	50	62,176	106	3,393	65,675		
Total	70	704,740	5,426	103,067	813,233		

Unit: 1,000 square meters

\* Rounded to the nearest unit

\* "0" indicates less than the unit, and "—" indicates there is no applicable quantity.



**Reference 58** Activities in Civic Life

Items	Details of Activities and Their Past Records
Disposal of Unexploded Bombs (Supplementary provisions of the Self-Defense Forces Law)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○The GSDF disposes of such bombs at the request of municipal governments and others.</li> <li>○Disposal operations in FY2019: a total of 1,194 disposal operations (average of approximately 23 operations per week), weighing approximately 21.9 tons in total; in particular, the amount of unexploded bombs that were disposed of in Okinawa Prefecture totaled approximately 12.8 tons, (accounting for about 58% of such bombs removed across the nation). (If unexploded bombs are chemical bombs, their disposal is basically beyond the disposal capability of the SDF. However, the SDF is prepared to extend as much cooperation as possible in regard to disposal of such bombs by identifying them and checking for attached fuses.)</li> </ul>
Removal of Underwater Mines (Article 84-2 of the Self-Defense Forces Law)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○The MSDF undertakes minesweeping operations in waters designated as dangerous areas because underwater mines had been laid there during World War II, as well as removes and disposes of explosives after receiving reports from municipal governments and others.</li> <li>○Minesweeping has been almost completed in the dangerous areas.</li> <li>○Disposal operations in FY2019: a total 468 units were disposed of, weighing approximately 3.6 tons in total. (If explosive hazardous materials are chemical bombs, their disposal is basically beyond the disposal capability of the SDF. However, the SDF is prepared to extend as much cooperation as possible for disposal of such bombs by identifying them and checking for attached fuses.)</li> </ul>
Medical Activities (Article 27 of the Self-Defense Forces Law, Article 4-10 of Defense Ministry Establishment Law, and others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○Medical services are provided to the general public at the National Defense Medical College Hospital in Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture, and some hospitals affiliated with the SDF (seven out of 16 such hospitals, including the SDF Central Hospital in Setagaya Ward, Tokyo).</li> <li>○The National Defense Medical College Hospital serves as an advanced treatment hospital (provision of advanced medical treatment, etc.) and a medical facility providing tertiary emergency services (acceptance of emergency patients in critical condition).</li> <li>○In the wake of a disaster, medical units belonging to major SDF units, acting on a request from municipal governments, provide travelling clinics, quarantines and so forth when a disaster occurs.</li> <li>○The GSDF Medical School (Setagaya Ward, Tokyo), MSDF Underwater Medical Center (Yokosuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture), and ASDF Aviation Medicine Laboratory (Tachikawa City, Tokyo and Sayama City, Saitama Prefecture) undertake study on outdoor sanitation, underwater medicine, and aviation medicine, respectively.</li> <li>○The National Defense Medical College Research Institute (Tokorozawa City, Saitama Prefecture) undertakes study on disaster and emergency medicine.</li> </ul>
Cooperation in Supporting Athletic Meetings (Article 100-3 of the Self-Defense Forces Law, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○At the request of concerned organizations, the SDF helps operations of the Olympics and Asian games in Japan as well as national sports meetings in the fields of ceremonies, communications, transportation, music performance, medical services, and emergency medical services.</li> <li>○The SDF provides transportation and communication support to marathon events and ekiden road relays.</li> </ul>
Exchanges with Local Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○Sports facilities such as grounds, gyms and swimming pools at many of the SDF garrisons and bases are open to general citizens in response to requests from local communities. Participation in various events sponsored by general citizens and municipal governments or taking part as sports referees and instructors on an individual basis.</li> </ul>

**Reference 59** List of U.S. Forces Japan Facilities/Areas (including joint use facilities)

As of January 1, 2021

Reference

Facility/Area	Purpose	Location						Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area		
									2-1(a) Area	2-4(a) Area	2-4(b) Area
Camp Chitose	Communications	Chitose City, Hokkaido					4,274	4,274	4,263	0	
Camp Higashi Chitose	Maneuver area	Chitose City, Hokkaido					81	0	0	81	
Hokkaido Chitose Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Eniwa City, Hokkaido	Chitose City, Hokkaido	Sapporo City, Hokkaido	Kita Hiroshima City, Hokkaido		92,288	0	0	92,288	
Chitose Air Base	Air base	Chitose City, Hokkaido	Tomakomai City, Hokkaido	Erimo Town, Horozumi County, Hokkaido			2,584	0	0	2,584	
Betsukai Yausubetsu Large Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Batsukai Town, Notsuke County, Hokkaido	Akkeshi Town, Akkeshi County, Hokkaido	Hamanaka Town, Akkeshi County, Hokkaido			168,178	0	0	168,178	
Camp Kushiro	Barracks	Kushiro Town, Kushiro County, Hokkaido					26	0	0	26	
Camp Shikaoi	Maneuver area	Shikaoi Town, Kato County, Hokkaido					59	0	0	59	
Kamifurano Medium Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Kamifurano Town, Sorachi County, Hokkaido	Nakafurano Town, Sorachi County, Hokkaido	Furano City, Hokkaido			34,688	0	0	34,688	
Camp Sapporo	Maneuver area	Sapporo City, Hokkaido					8	0	0	8	
Shikaoi Shikaribetsu Medium Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Shikaoi Town, Kato County, Hokkaido					32,832	0	0	32,832	
Camp Obihiro	Maneuver area	Obihiro City, Hokkaido					757	0	0	757	
Asahikawa Chikabumidai Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Asahikawa City, Hokkaido					1,416	0	0	1,416	
Camp Okadama	Other	Sapporo City, Hokkaido					2	0	0	2	
Nayoro Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Nayoro City, Hokkaido					1,734	0	0	1,734	
Takikawa Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Takikawa City, Hokkaido	Shintotsukawa Town, Kabato County, Hokkaido				1,367	0	0	1,367	
Bihoro Training Area	Maneuver area	Bihoro Town, Abashiri County, Hokkaido					2,269	0	0	2,269	
Kutchan Takamine Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Kutchan Town, Abuta County, Hokkaido					928	0	0	928	
Engaru Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Engaru Town, Mombetsu County, Hokkaido					1,082	0	0	1,082	
Misawa Air Base	Air base	Miasawa City, Aomori	Hachinohe City, Aomori	Tohoku Town, Kamikita County, Aomori	Mutsu City, Aomori		15,968	15,780	5,181	188	
Hachinohe POL Depot	Storage	Hachinohe City, Aomori	Miasawa City, Aomori	Oirase Town, Kamikita County, Aomori			173	173	1	Structures only	
Misawa ATG Range	Maneuver area	Miasawa City, Aomori	Rokkasho Village, Kamikita County, Aomori				7,655	7,655	7,655	0	
Camp Sendai	Maneuver area	Sendai City, Miyagi					51	0	0	51	
Camp Hachinohe	Barracks	Hachinohe City, Aomori					53	0	0	53	
Iwate Iwatesan Medium Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Takizawa City, Iwate	Hachimandaira City, Iwate				23,264	0	0	23,264	
Taiwa Ojojihara Large Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Shikama Town, Kami County, Miyagi	Taiwa Town, Kurokawa County, Miyagi	Ohira Village, Kurokawa County, Miyagi			45,377	0	0	45,377	

Facility/Area	Purpose	Location							Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area		
										2-1(a) Area	2-4(a) Area	2-4(b) Area
Kasuminome Air Field	Air base	Sendai City, Miyagi	Iwanuma City, Miyagi						260	0	0	260
Aomori Kotani Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Aomori City, Aomori							3,183	0	0	3,183
Hirosaki Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Nishimeya Village, Tsugaru County, Aomori	Hirosaki City, Aomori						4,904	0	0	4,904
Jinmachi Otakane Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Murayama City, Yamagata	Higashine City, Yamagata						1,308	0	0	1,308
Shariki Communication Site	Communications	Tsugaru City, Aomori							135	135	0	Buildings / structures only
Akasaka Press Center	Office	Minato Ward, Tokyo							27	27	0	0
Yokota Air Base	Air base	Fussa City, Tokyo	Mizuho Town, Nishitama County, Tokyo	Musashimurayama City, Tokyo	Hamura City, Tokyo	Tachikawa City, Tokyo	Akishima City, Tokyo	Sayama City, Saitama	7,139	7,136	138	3
Fuchu Communications Station	Communications	Fuchu City, Tokyo							17	17	0	0
Tama Service Annex	Other	Inagi City, Tokyo	Tama City, Tokyo						1,948	1,948	0	0
Kisarazu Air Field	Air base	Kisarazu City, Chiba							2,095	2,095	2,066	Buildings only
Camp Asaka	Barracks	Wakou City, Saitama							118	118	0	0
Tokorozawa Communications Station	Communications	Tokorozawa City, Saitama							966	966	0	0
Iruma Air Base	Other	Iruma City, Saitama	Sayama City, Saitama						4	0	0	4
Owada Communication Site	Communications	Niiza City, Saitama	Kiyose City, Tokyo						1,198	1,198	0	0
Iwo Jima Communication Site	Communications	Ogasawara Village, Tokyo							6,630	3,810	114	2,820
New Sanno U.S. Forces Center	Other	Minato Ward, Tokyo							7	7	0	0
Takada Sekiyama Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Myoko City, Niigata	Joetsu City, Niigata						14,080	0	0	14,080
Hyakuri Air Base	Air base	Omitama City, Ibaraki							1,089	0	0	1,089
Soumagahara Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Takasaki City, Gunma	Shinto Village, Kitagunma County, Gunma						5,796	0	0	5,796
Camp Asaka	Maneuver area	Asaka City, Saitama	Wako City, Saitama	Niiza City, Saitama					17	0	0	17
Haneda Air Mail Control Activity Office	Office	Ota Ward, Tokyo							Buildings only	0	0	Buildings only
Negishi Dependent Housing Area	Housing	Yokohama City, Kanagawa							429	429	0	0
Yokohama North Dock	Port facility	Yokohama City, Kanagawa							524	524	Buildings only	0
Camp Zama	Office	Sagamihara City, Kanagawa	Zama City, Kanagawa						2,292	2,292	170	0
Naval Air Facility Atsugi	Air base	Ayase City, Kanagawa	Yamato City, Kanagawa						5,056	2,497	1,076	2,559
Sagami General Depot	Manufacturing	Sagamihara City, Kanagawa							1,967	1,967	0	0
Ikego Housing Area and Navy Annex	Housing	Zushi City, Kanagawa	Yokohama City, Kanagawa						2,884	2,884	0	0
Azuma Storage Area	Storage	Yokosuka City, Kanagawa							802	802	254	0
U.S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka	Port facility	Yokosuka City, Kanagawa							2,363	2,363	46	Buildings / structures only
Sagamihara Housing Area	Housing	Sagamihara City, Kanagawa							593	593	0	0
Nagasaka Rifle Range	Maneuver area	Yokosuka City, Kanagawa							97	0	0	97
Urago Ammunition Depot	Storage	Yokosuka City, Kanagawa							194	194	0	0

Facility/Area	Purpose	Location					Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area		
								2-1(a) Area	2-4(a) Area	2-4(b) Area
Fuji Barracks Area	Barracks	Gotemba City, Shizuoka					1,177	1,177	47	0
Tsurumi POL Depot	Storage	Yokohama City, Kanagawa					184	184	0	0
Numazu Training Area	Maneuver area	Numazu City, Shizuoka					28	28	28	0
Fuji Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi	Yamanakako Village, Minamitsuru County, Yamanashi	Gotemba City, Shizuoka	Oyama Town, Sunto County, Shizuoka	Susono City, Shizuoka	133,925	0	0	133,925
Camp Takigahara	Maneuver area	Gotemba City, Shizuoka					8	0	0	8
Gifu Air Base	Other	Kakamigahara City, Gifu					1,626	0	0	1,626
Komatsu Air Base	Air base	Komatsu City, Ishikawa	Wajima City, Ishikawa	Kyotanngo City, Kyoto			1,606	0	0	1,606
Imazu Aibano Medium Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Takashima City, Shiga					24,085	0	0	24,085
Camp Itami	Maneuver area	Kawanishi City, Hyogo	Itami City, Hyogo				20	0	0	20
Kyogamisaki Communications Site	Communications	Kyotango City, Kyoto					36	36	0	0
Fukukchiyama Rifle Range	Maneuver area	Fukuchiyama City, Kyoto					55	0	0	55
Akizuki Ammunition Depot	Storage	Etajima City, Hiroshima					559	559	0	0
Kawakami Ammunition Depot	Storage	Higashihiroshima City, Hiroshima					2,604	2,604	0	0
Hiro Ammunition Depot	Storage	Kure City, Hiroshima					359	359	0	0
Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	Air base	Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi	Otake City, Hiroshima				8,648	8,648	5,615	0
Soo Communications Site	Communications	Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi					24	24	0	0
Kure Pier No.6	Port facility	Kure City, Hiroshima					14	14	0	0
1st Setvice School training facility	Maneuver area	Etajima City, Hiroshima					Buildings only	0	0	Buildings only
Haramura Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Higashihiroshima City, Hiroshima					1,687	0	0	1,687
Nihonbara Medium Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Nagi Town, Katsuta County, Okayama	Tsuyama City, Okayama				18,844	0	0	18,844
Miho Air Base	Air base	Sakaiminato City, Tottori	Yonago City, Tottori				778	0	0	778
Haigamine Communication Site	Communications	Kure City, Hiroshima					1	1	0	0
Itazuke Air Base	Air base	Fukuoka City, Fukuoka					509	23	0	486
U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo	Port facility	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					496	488	11	9
Sasebo Dry Dock Area	Port facility	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					83	41	27	41
Akasaki POL Depot	Storage	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					754	754	0	0
Sasebo Ammunition Supply Point	Storage	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					582	582	0	0
Iorizaki POL Depot	Storage	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					227	227	45	0
Yokose POL Depot	Storage	Saikai City, Nagasaki					679	679	0	0
Harioshima Ammunition Storage Area	Storage	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					1,297	1,297	48	0
Tategami Basin Port Area	Port facility	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					135	135	28	0
Nyutabaru Air Base	Air base	Shintomi Town, Koyu County, Miyazaki					1,833	0	0	1,833
Sakibe Rifle Range	Maneuver area	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					Buildings only	0	0	Buildings only
Sakibe Navy Annex	Storage	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					129	129	0	0
Hario Dependent Housing Area	Housing	Sasebo City, Nagasaki					354	354	0	0

Facility/Area	Purpose	Location							Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area		
										2-1(a) Area	2-4(a) Area	2-4(b) Area
Hijudai-Jumonjibaru Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Kusu Town, Kusu County, Oita	Kokonoe Town, Kusu County, Oita	Yufu City, Oita	Beppu City, Oita	Hiji Town, Hayami County, Oita	Kitsuki City, Oita	Oita City, Oita	56,317	0	0	56,317
Tsuiki Air Base	Air base	Yukuhashi City, Fukuoka	Chikujo Town, Chikujo County, Fukuoka	Kasuga City, Fukuoka					906	0	0	906
Omura Air Base	Other	Omura City, Nagasaki							Buildings / structures only	0	0	Buildings / structures only
Oyanohara-Kirishima Maneuver Area	Maneuver area	Yamato Town, Kamimashiki County, Kumamoto	Ebino City, Miyazaki	Yusui Town, Aira County, Kagoshima					26,965	0	0	26,965
Camp Kita Kumamoto	Maneuver area	Kumamoto City, Kumamoto							21	0	0	21
Camp Kengun	Maneuver area	Kumamoto City, Kumamoto							39	0	0	39
Kanoya Air Base	Air base	Kanoya City, Kagoshima							490	0	0	490
Northern Training Area	Maneuver area	Kunigami Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa	Higashi Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa						36,590	35,331	0	1,259
Okuma Rest Center	Other	Kunigami Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa							546	546	0	0
Ie Jima Auxiliary Airfield	Maneuver area	Ie Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa							8,015	8,015	0	0
Yaedake Communication Site	Communications	Nago City, Okinawa	Motobu Town, Kunigami County, Okinawa						37	37	1	0
Camp Schwab	Maneuver area	Nago City, Okinawa	Ginoza Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa						20,626	20,626	7,077	0
Henoko Ordnance Ammunition Depot	Storage	Nago City, Okinawa							1,214	1,214	0	0
Camp Hansen	Maneuver area	Kin Town, Kunigami County, Okinawa	Ginoza Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa	Onna Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa	Nago City, Okinawa				48,728	48,114	39,383	615
Kin Red Beach Training Area	Maneuver area	Kin Town, Kunigami County, Okinawa							14	14	0	0
Kin Blue Beach Training Area	Maneuver area	Kin Town, Kunigami County, Okinawa							381	381	0	0
Kadena Ammunition Storage Area	Storage	Yomitan Village, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Okinawa City, Okinawa	Kadena Town, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Onna Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa	Uruma City, Okinawa			26,584	26,584	112	0
Tengan Pier	Port facility	Uruma City, Okinawa							31	31	0	0
Camp Courtney	Barracks	Uruma City, Okinawa							1,339	1,339	0	0
Camp McTureous	Barracks	Uruma City, Okinawa							379	379	0	0
Camp Shields	Barracks	Okinawa City, Okinawa							700	700	0	0
Torii Communication Station	Communications	Yomitan Village, Nakagami County, Okinawa							1,895	1,895	0	0
Kadena Air Base	Air base	Kadena Town, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Okinawa City, Okinawa	Chatan Town, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Naha City, Okinawa	Itoman City, Okinawa			19,855	19,855	23	Buildings only
Camp Kuwae	Barracks	Chatan Town, Nakagami County, Okinawa							675	675	0	0



Facility/Area	Purpose	Location						Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area		
									2-1(a) Area	2-4(a) Area	2-4(b) Area
Camp Zukeran	Barracks	Chatan Town, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Kitanakagusuku Village, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Ginowan City, Okinawa	Okinawa City, Okinawa	Uruma City, Okinawa	5,341	5,341	0	0	
Awase Communication Station	Communications	Okinawa City, Okinawa					552	552	0	0	
White Beach Area	Port facility	Uruma City, Okinawa					1,568	1,568	219	Structures only	
Futenma Air Station	Air base	Ginowan City, Okinawa					4,758	4,758	0	0	
Makiminato Service Area	Storage	Urasoe City, Okinawa					2,676	2,676	0	0	
Naha Port	Port facility	Naha City, Okinawa					559	559	3	0	
Army POL Depots	Storage	Uruma City, Okinawa	Chatan Town, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Kadena Town, Nakagami County, Okinawa	Okinawa City, Okinawa	Ginowan City, Okinawa	1,277	1,277	10	0	
Tori Shima Range	Maneuver area	Kumejima Town, Shimajiri County, Okinawa					41	39	0	2	
Idesuna Jima Range	Maneuver area	Tonaki Village, Shimajiri County, Okinawa					245	245	245	0	
Kume Jima Range	Maneuver area	Kumejima Town, Shimajiri County, Okinawa					2	2	0	0	
Tsuken Jima Training Area	Maneuver area	Uruma City, Okinawa					16	16	0	0	
Kobi Sho Range	Maneuver area	Ishigaki City, Okinawa					874	874	0	0	
Sekibi Sho Range	Maneuver area	Ishigaki City, Okinawa					41	41	0	0	
Oki Daito Jima Range	Maneuver area	Kitadaito Village, Shimajiri County, Okinawa					1,147	1,147	1,147	0	
Ukibaru Jima Training Area	Maneuver area	Uruma City, Okinawa					254	0	0	254	
Naha Air Base	Other	Naha City, Okinawa					7	0	0	7	
National total	132 facilities/ areas						980,292	263,066	75,034	717,226	
Mainland total (excluding Okinawa)	99 facilities/ areas						793,321	78,232	26,813	715,089	
Okinawa total	33 facilities/ areas						186,972	184,834	48,221	2,137	

- Notes:
- This table lists of the facilities and areas used by the U.S. forces based on Article 2, Paragraph 1 (a) of the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement (Exclusively used by the U.S., and includes those used by the SDF based on Article 2, Paragraph 4 (a) of the Agreement) and the facilities and areas (controlled by Japan) used by the U.S. forces for a certain period of time based on Article 2, Paragraph 4 (b) of the Agreement.
  - The figures in the "Area" column are the total size of facilities and areas used by the U.S. forces based on Article 2, Paragraph 1 (a) of the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement, and facilities/ areas used by the U.S. military for a certain period of time based on Article 2, Paragraph 4 (b) of the Agreement.
  - The figures in the "2-4 (a) Area" column are the sizes of facilities and areas temporarily used by the SDF based on Article 2, Paragraph 4 (a) of the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement and are included in the "2-1(a) Area" column.
  - Totals may not match because of rounding off.
  - "0" indicates that there is no corresponding area.

**Reference 60**

**Outline of Measures to Promote Harmony Between Defense Facilities and Surrounding Areas**

Category	Measures	Description of Measures	Examples of Covered Facilities and Projects
Act on Improvement of Living Environment of Areas Around Defense Facilities, <sup>*1</sup> etc.	Subsidies to finance disturbance prevention projects	Subsidies are granted to local governments' projects to prevent or mitigate disturbance caused by frequent use of armored vehicles and other heavy vehicles, and frequent shooting, bombing and use of other explosives by the SDF, etc.	- Canals, reservoirs, roads, river improvement, community reception facilities for television broadcast
	Subsidies to finance noise prevention projects	Subsidies are granted to local governments' projects to prevent or mitigate significant noise caused by frequent take-off and landing of aircraft by the SDF, etc.	- Educational facilities such as elementary schools, junior high schools, and kindergartens; medical facilities such as hospitals and clinics; and welfare facilities such as healthcare centers, day-service centers for the elderly, and special nursing homes for the elderly
	Subsidies to finance soundproofing works for housing	Subsidies are granted for soundproofing works by homeowners, etc. in areas designated by the Defense Minister as areas where disturbance due to noise caused by frequent take-off and landing of aircraft by the SDF, etc., is serious.	- Housing
	Compensation for relocations	In areas designated by the Defense Minister as areas where disturbance due to noise caused by frequent take-off and landing of aircraft by the SDF, etc., is especially serious, compensation, etc., is provided for the loss ordinarily incurred by relocating buildings, etc., to other areas or by removing them.	- Compensation for relocating buildings - Land purchase - Development of public facilities such as roads, water-supply systems, and sewage facilities in the area where housing, etc., is to be relocated
	Improving green zones	Works such as the development of green zones are conducted on land in areas designated by the Defense Minister as areas necessary for preventing the occurrence of new disturbance due to noise caused by frequent take-off and landing of aircraft by the SDF, etc., and for improving the living environment in their vicinities.	- Planting trees, installing grass fields
	Subsidies for developing facilities meant to stabilize people's lives	In cases where installation or operations of a certain defense facility is found to disturb daily lives or business activities of the residents of the surrounding areas, subsidies are granted for local government's facility development projects to mitigate such disturbance.	- Roads, radio broadcast facilities, nursing homes for the elderly, fire departments, parks, waste disposal facilities, welfare centers for the elderly, public facilities for learning, etc. - Agricultural facilities, fishing facilities
	Specified Defense Facilities Environs Improvement Adjustment Grants	In consideration of the level of the influence of the installation or operations of a certain defense facility on the living environment and regional development of the surrounding areas, grants are provided to municipalities affected by the specified defense facilities for their projects contributing to the development of public facilities, improvement of the living environment, or smooth implementation of regional development.	- Developing public facilities such as traffic facilities, recreation facilities, and social welfare facilities - Medical expenses, operating costs of community buses, assessment fees for earthquake resistance of school buildings, etc.
Act on Special Measures for Smooth Implementation of the Realignment of the United States Forces in Japan, <sup>*2</sup> etc.	Realignment grants	In consideration of the increase of influence that the realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan may exert on residents' stable daily lives, grants are provided to the specified neighboring municipalities affected by the realignment for their projects contributing to the enhancement of residents' convenient lives and promotion of the local industry when they are found necessary to promote smooth and steady realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan.	- Developing public facilities such as traffic facilities, recreation facilities, and social welfare facilities - Medical expenses, operating costs of community buses, assessment fees for earthquake resistance of school buildings, etc.
	Grants for realignment-related training relocations	Considering that the influence of aircraft noise, etc., on residents' stable daily lives may continue even after the provision of the realignment grants ends in areas around the realignment-related specified defense facilities where training relocations are conducted, grants are provided for projects contributing to the enhancement of residents' convenient lives and promotion of the local industry.	
	Project to develop specified areas affected by the realignment	With the aim of promoting smooth realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan, grants are provided to the prefectures that accommodate defense facilities, for which special attention needs to be paid with regard to the significant increase of influence on residents' stable daily lives due to the realignment, for their projects contributing to the enhancement of residents' convenient lives and promotion of the local industry that they implement from a broader point of view.	
	Realignment promotion project	Grants are provided for the development of facilities conducted by the specified neighboring municipalities affected by the realignment, in light of the significance of promoting measures for the realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan and properly and promptly implementing the realignment.	- Facilities similar to those meant to stabilize people's lives

\*1 Act on Improvement of Living Environment of Areas Around Defense Facilities (Act No. 101 of 1974)

\*2 Act on Special Measures for Smooth Implementation of the Realignment of the United States Forces in Japan (Act No. 67 of 2007)

**Reference 61 Achievements of Antarctic Research Expedition**

Expedition	Duration	Days of activity	Days in Antarctica	Transport volume of goods	Number of observers	Wintering party	Total voyage (nautical miles)
43rd	2001.11.11–2002.4.6	151	91	Approx. 1,100t	56	40	Approx. 22,000
44th	2002.11.11–2003.4.7	151	99	Approx. 1,230t	57	40	Approx. 22,000
45th	2003.11.11–2004.4.8	151	99	Approx. 1,120t	56	40	Approx. 21,000
46th	2004.11.11–2005.4.9	151	99	Approx. 980t	55	40	Approx. 21,000
47th	2005.11.11–2006.4.10	151	99	Approx. 1,080t	53	37	Approx. 22,000
48th	2006.11.11–2007.4.11	151	99	Approx. 1,110t	56	36	Approx. 21,000
49th	2007.11.11–2008.4.12	151	99	Approx. 870t	49	35	Approx. 20,000
51st	2009.11.10–2010.4.9	151	99	Approx. 1,130t	48	28	Approx. 21,000
52nd	2010.11.11–2011.4.5	146	99	Approx. 1,310t	60	28	Approx. 20,000
53rd	2011.11.11–2012.4.9	151	98	Approx. 820t	56	30	Approx. 19,000
54th	2012.11.11–2013.4.10	151	99	Approx. 680t	55	31	Approx. 21,000
55th	2013.11.8–2014.4.7	151	99	Approx. 1,160t	46	30	Approx. 20,000
56th	2014.11.11–2015.4.10	151	99	Approx. 1,017t	53	24	Approx. 18,000
57th	2015.11.16–2016.4.14	151	89	Approx. 1,040t	52	30	Approx. 24,000
58th	2016.11.11–2017.4.10	151	99	Approx. 1,060t	62	33	Approx. 20,000
59th	2017.11.12–2018.4.11	151	99	Approx. 1,000t	59	27	Approx. 20,000
60th	2018.11.10–2019.4.9	151	99	Approx. 1,000t	57	31	Approx. 20,000
61st	2019.11.12–2020.4.10	151	99	Approx. 1,000t	57	31	Approx. 20,000
62nd	2020.11.6–2021.2.22	109	51	Approx. 1045t	44	31	Approx. 16,000

\* The 50th expedition not conducted.

**Reference 62 External Construction Project Achievements**

Fiscal year	Number of projects by construction				
	Total	Grading	Roads	Snow removal	Other
Before 1988	7,987	5,152	2,208	307	320
1989	39	33	4	2	0
1990	40	33	5	2	0
1991	29	23	6	0	0
1992	27	23	4	0	0
1993	25	22	2	0	1
1994	20	19	1	0	0
1995	20	15	5	0	0
1996	10	7	3	0	0
1997	11	9	2	0	0
1998	13	11	2	0	0
1999	12	10	1	0	1
2000	10	9	1	0	0
2001	7	6	1	0	0
2002	5	5	0	0	0
2003	3	3	0	0	0
2004	2	2	0	0	0
2005	1	1	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0	0
2008	2	2	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0
2011	1	1	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0	0	0
2013	1	0	1	0	0
2014	2	0	2	0	0
2015	1	1	0	0	0
2016	1	0	1	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0
2020	1	1	0	0	0
Total	8,270	5,388	2,249	311	322

**Reference 63 A List of the Defense-related Facilities Designated under the Drone Act**
**(1) SDF facilities**

Facility	Location
Ichigaya Building, Ministry of Defense	5-1 Honmura-cho, Ichigaya, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
Camp Asahikawa	Kokuyumubanchi, Shunko-cho, Asahikawa-shi, Hokkaido
Camp Sapporo	10, Minami-26-jo-Nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido
Camp Okadama	161, Okadama-cho, Higashi-ku, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido
Camp Obihiro	31, Minami 7-sen, Minami-cho Obihiro-shi, Hokkaido
Camp Kasuminome	1-1-1, Kasuminome, Wakabayashi-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi
Camp Sendai	1-1, Minaminometate, Miyagino-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi
Camp Jinmachi	3-1-1, Jin-machi Minami, Higashine-shi, Yamagata
Camp Soumagahara	1017-2, Arai, Shinto-mura, Kitagunma-gun, Gunma
Camp Asaka	Oizumigakuen-cho, Nerima-ku, Tokyo
Camp Kisarazu	Azumachisaki, Kisarazu-shi, Chiba
Camp Tachikawa	5, Midori-cho, Tachikawa-shi, Tokyo
Camp Yao	1-81, Kuko, Yao-shi, Osaka
Camp Itami	7-1-1, Midorigaoka, Itami-shi, Hyogo
Camp Metabaru	7, Tateno, Yoshinogari-cho, Kanzaki-gun, Saga
Camp Kengun	1-1-1, Higashi-cho, Higashi-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto
Camp Kengun Vice-Camp Takayubaru	1812, Oyatsu, Mashiki-machi, Kamimashiki-gun, Kumamoto
Funakoshi Building, Headquarters Yokosuka District	7-73, Funakoshi-cho, Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa
Hemi Building, Headquarters Yokosuka District	Mubanchi, 1-chome, Nishihemi-cho, Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa
Area 1, Headquarters Maizuru District	1190, Amarubeshimo, Maizuru-shi, Kyoto
Headquarters Ominato District	4-1, Ominato-cho, Mutsu-shi, Aomori
Headquarters Sasebo District	18, Hirase-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki
Headquarters Kure District	8-1, Saiwai-cho, Kure-shi, Hiroshima
Kanoya Air Base	3-11-2, Nishihara, Kanoya-shi, Kagoshima
Hachinohe Air Base	Takadate, Kawaragi, Hachinohe-shi, Aomori
Tateyama Air Base	Mubanchi, Miyagi, Tateyama-shi, Chiba
Omura Air Base	10, Imadu-machi, Omura-shi, Nagasaki
Iwakuni Air Base	1-chome, Misumi-machi, Iwakuni-shi, Yamaguchi
Maizuru Air Base	731-20, Nagahama, Maizuru-shi, Kyoto
Komatsushima Air Base	4-3, Subana, Wadajima-cho, Komatsushima-shi, Tokushima
Ominato Air Base	2, Hayasaki, Jogasawa, Mutsu-shi, Aomori
Chitose Air Base	Mubanchi, Heiwa, Chitose-shi, Hokkaido
Misawa Air Base	125-7, Ushirokubo, Misawa, Misawa-shi, Aomori
Matsushima Air Base	85, Itadori, Yamoto, Higashimatsushima-shi, Miyagi
Hyakuri Air Base	170, Hyakuri, Omitama-shi, Ibaraki
Fuchu Air Base	1-5-5, Sengen-cho, Fuchu-shi, Tokyo
Iruma Air Base	2-3, Inariyama, Sayama-shi, Saitama
Hamamatsu Air Base	Mubanchi, Nishiyama-cho, Nishi-ku, Hamamatsu-shi, Shizuoka
Komaki Air Base	1-1, Kasuganji, Komaki-shi, Aichi
Komatsu Air Base	267, Mukaimotoori-machi-Inu, Komatsu-shi, Ishikawa
Miho Air Base	2258, Koshinozu-cho, Sakaiminato-shi, Tottori
Tsuki Air Base	Nishihatta, Chikujo-machi, Chikujo-gun, Fukuoka
Ashiya Air Base	1455-1, Ashiya, Ashiya-cho, Onga-gun, Fukuoka
Kasuga Air Base	3-1-1, Hara-machi, Kasuga-shi, Fukuoka

Nyutabaru Air Base	19581, Nyuta, Shintomi-cho, Koyu-gun, Miyazaki
Naha Air Base	301, Toma, Naha-shi, Okinawa
Akita Sub Base	23-26, Yamagomori, Yuwatsubakigawa, Akita-shi, Akita
Niigata Sub Base	3-135, Funae-cho, Higashi-ku, Niigata-shi, Niigata
Higashichitose SIGINT Site	1016, Shukubai, Chitose-shi, Hokkaido
Oi SIGINT Site	1696-3, Kamekubo, Fujimino-shi, Saitama
Kofunato SIGINT Site	3-2-12, Kofune-cho, Shibata-shi, Niigata
Miho SIGINT Site	21, Watari-cho, Sakaiminato-shi, Tottori
Tachiarai SIGINT Site	1376-2, Shimotakaba, Chikuzen-machi, Asakura-gun, Fukuoka
Kikaijima SIGINT Site	2913-1, Kawamine, Kikai-cho, Oshima-gun, Kagoshima

**(2) U.S. Forces Japan facilities and areas**

Facility	Location
Misawa Air Base	Aza Hirahata, Oaza Misawa, Misawa-shi, Aomori, etc.
Shariki Communication Site	Byobuzan, Toyotomi-cho, Tsugaru-shi, Aomori
Yokota Air Base	Oaza Kumagawa, Fussa-shi, Tokyo, etc.
Camp Zama	Zama, Zama-shi, Kanagawa, etc.
Atsugi Air Base	Tatekawa, Ayase-shi, Kanagawa, etc.
U.S. Fleet Activities, Yokosuka	Honcho 1-chome, Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa, etc.
Kyogamisaki Communications Site	Sodeshi, Tango-cho, Kyotango-shi, Kyoto
Iwakuni Air Base	Misumi-machi 1 chome, Iwakuni-shi, Yamaguchi, etc.
U.S. Fleet Activities, Sasebo	Hirase-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki, etc.
Tategami Basin Port Area	Tategami-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki
Camp Schwab	Aza Henoko, Nago-shi, Okinawa, etc.
Camp Hansen	Aza Kin, Kin-cho, Kunigami-gun, Okinawa, etc.
Kadena Air Base	Aza Yara, Kadena-cho, Nakagami-gun, Okinawa, etc.
Camp Zukeran (Foster)	Aza Aniya, Ginowan-shi, Okinawa, etc.
Futenma Air Station	Aza Samashita, Ginowan-shi, Okinawa, etc.

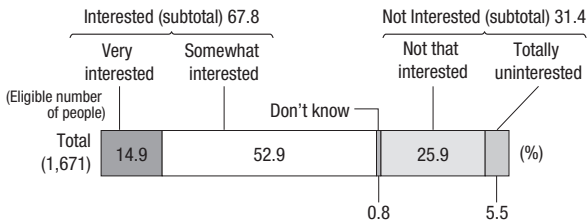


**Reference 64** “Public Opinion Survey on the Self Defense Forces and Defense Issues” (excerpt) (Public Relations Office of Cabinet Office)

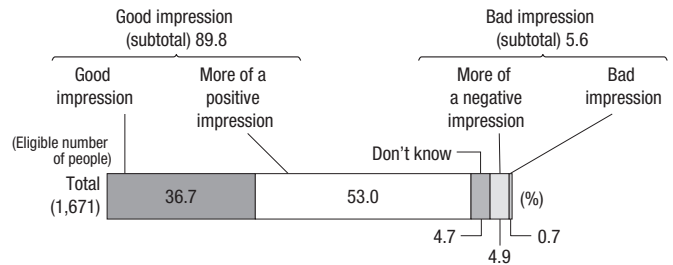
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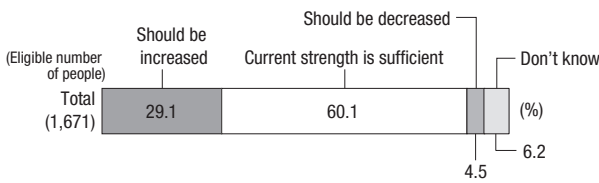
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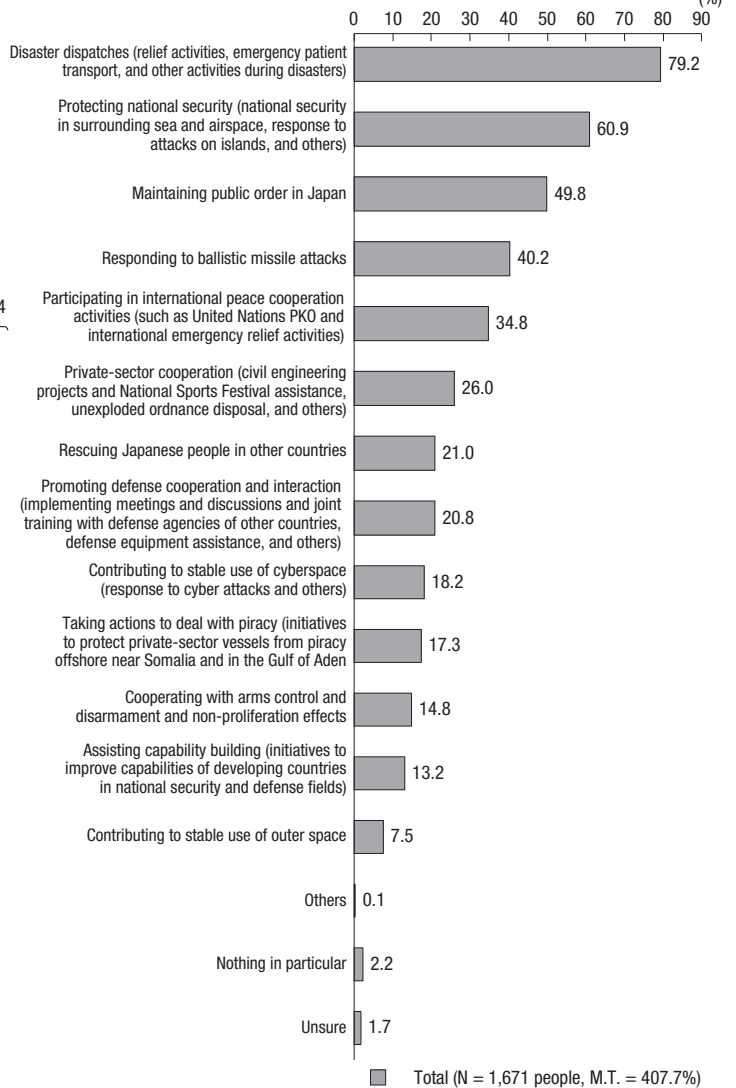
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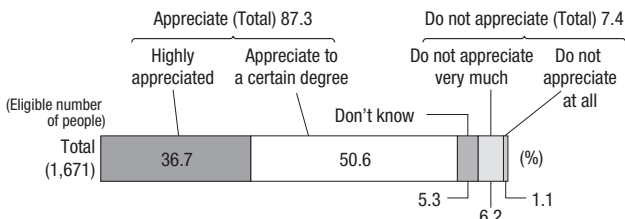
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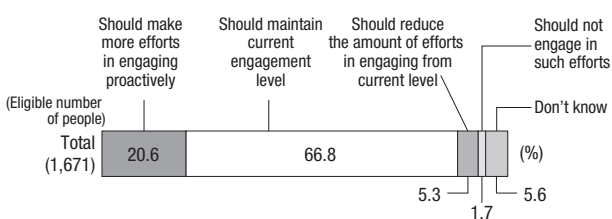
**6 Role expected of the Self Defense Forces (multiple responses)**



**4 Evaluation of overseas activities by the SDF**



**5 Efforts in international peace cooperation activities**



**Reference 65** Record of Information Disclosure by the Ministry of Defense (FY2020)

	Ministry of Defense Headquarters	Regional Defense Bureaus and Branches	Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency	Total
1 Number of disclosure requests	2,930	1,623	162	4,715
2 Number of decisions regarding disclosure	3,278	1,721	171	5,170
Requests accepted	1,685	678	75	2,438
Requests partially accepted	1,472	1,031	95	2,598
Requests declined	121	12	1	134
3 Number of requests for review	12,761	0	1	12,762
4 Number of lawsuits	3	0	0	3

## Defense Chronology

Year	Date	Major Events	Year	Date	Major Events	Year	Date	Major Events		
1945	Aug. 15	World War II ends	1952	Jan. 19	RÖK proclaims sovereignty over neighboring ocean areas (Rhee Line)	1957	Aug. 06	Japan-U.S. Security Council inaugurated		
	Aug. 17	Higashikuniomiya Cabinet established		Feb. 28	Japan-U.S. Administrative Agreement signed		Aug. 26	USSR announces successful ICBM test		
	Aug. 17	Republic of Indonesia declares independence		Apr. 26	Maritime Guard established within the Japan Coast Guard		Aug. 27	Trial startup of reactor at Tokaimura		
	Aug. 28	Provisional government of People's Republic of Vietnam established		Apr. 28	Japan-Taiwan Peace Treaty concluded		Sep. 10	National Defense Council decision to produce P2V-742 aircraft domestically, Cabinet report on September 17		
	Sep. 02	GHQ established		Apr. 28	Japan-U.S. Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty enter into force		Oct. 04	USSR launches the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1		
	Oct. 09	Shidehara Cabinet established		Apr. 28	Far East Commission, Allied Council, and GHQ Abolished		Nov. 23	World Congress of Communist Parties issues the Moscow Declaration		
	Oct. 15	General Staff Office and Military Command abolished		May 01	May Day riot at Imperial Palace Plaza		1958	Jan. 01	Japan becomes non-permanent member of the U.N. Security Council	
	Oct. 24	United Nations established		May 26	U.S., U.K., and France sign peace agreement with Germany			Jan. 01	European Economic Community (EEC) starts	
	Nov. 30	Army and Navy Ministries abolished		May 27	European Defense Community (EDC) Treaty signed			Jan. 14	First ocean training exercises (Hawaii, through February 28)	
	1946	Jan. 04		GHQ orders purge from public office	Jul. 21			Subversive Activities Prevention Law promulgated and enters into force	Jan. 31	U.S. successfully launches an artificial satellite
		Jan. 10		First session of U.N. General Assembly (London, through February 14)	Jul. 26			Japan-U.S. Facilities and Areas Agreement signed	Feb. 17	ASDF begins scrambling against aircraft intruding into territorial airspace
Jan. 27		GHQ orders the suspension of Japanese administrative right over Ryukyu and Ogasawara Islands	Aug. 31	National Safety Agency Law promulgated	Apr. 18	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs				
Feb. 26		Far East Commission formed	Jul. 01	National Safety Agency established; Prime Minister Yoshida concurrently becomes Director-General of the National Safety Agency; Coastal Safety Force inaugurated	Jun. 12	Inauguration of second Kishi Cabinet; Sato becomes Minister of State for Defense				
Mar. 05		Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech	Oct. 15	National Safety Force inaugurated	Aug. 23	Chinese People's Liberation Army attack on Quemoy intensifies				
Apr. 05		First meeting of Allied Council on Japan	Oct. 30	Inauguration of fourth Yoshida Cabinet; Kimura becomes Director-General of the National Safety Agency	Sep. 11	Fujiyama-Dulles talks (Washington, D.C.); agreement on revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty				
Apr. 24		Civil administration of Okinawa established	Oct. 31	U.K. carries out its first atomic bomb test	Oct. 04	Treaty Commencement of Japan-U.S. talks on the revision of the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty				
May 03		International Military Tribunal for the Far East opened	Nov. 01	U.S. carries out its first hydrogen bomb test	Oct. 23	Dulles talks with Chiang Kaishek; joint statement issued denying counteroffensive against mainland China				
May 22		Yoshida Cabinet established	Nov. 12	Japan-U.S. Ship Leasing Agreement signed	Dec. 17	U.S. test-launches Atlas ICBM				
Oct. 01		International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg renders judgment	1953	Jan. 01	Security Advisory Group in Japan inaugurated	1959	Jan. 12	Ito becomes Minister of State for Defense		
Nov. 03		The Constitution of Japan promulgated		Apr. 01	National Safety Academy (predecessor of National Defense Academy) established		Mar. 30	Tokyo District Court rules the stationing of U.S. Forces unconstitutional in the Sunagawa case		
Dec. 19	First Indochina War starts (through 1954)	May 21		Inauguration of fifth Yoshida Cabinet	Jun. 18		Inauguration of second reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Akagi becomes Minister of State for Defense			
1947	Mar. 12	Truman Doctrine announced		Jul. 27	Korean War Armistice Agreement signed		Aug. 25	China-India border dispute		
	Mar. 03	The Constitution of Japan takes effect		Aug. 12	USSR carries out its first hydrogen bomb test		Sep. 18	USSR General Secretary Khrushchev proposes complete military reductions at U.N.		
	Jun. 01	Katayama Cabinet established		Sep. 27	Yoshida and Shigemitsu talk		Sep. 26	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon Vera		
	Jun. 05	Marshall Plan announced		Oct. 01	U.S.-RÖK Mutual Defense Treaty signed		Sep. 27	U.S.-Soviet Summit Meeting; joint statement issued at Camp David		
	Aug. 15	India and Pakistan gain independence		Oct. 30	Ikeda-Robertson talks; joint statement issued on gradual increase in self-defense strength		Nov. 06	National Defense Council decision to produce 200 F-104 aircraft domestically, approved by Cabinet on November 10		
	Aug. 15	First India-Pakistan conflict (through 1965)		Dec. 25	Japanese administrative rule over Amami Islands restored		Dec. 01	Antarctica Treaty signed		
	Oct. 05	Cominform established		1954	Jan. 21		U.S. launches world's first nuclear submarine (USS Nautilus)	Dec. 16	Supreme Court reverses original ruling in the Sunagawa case	
	Dec. 17	Police Law promulgated (National Rural Police and municipal police forces established)			Mar. 01		U.S. carries out hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll	1960	Jan. 11	Defense Agency moves to Hinko-cho
	1948	Mar. 10	Ashida Cabinet established		Mar. 01	Daigo Fukuryu maru (Lucky Dragon V) incident	Jan. 19		New Japan-U.S. Security Treaty is signed (enters into force June 23)	
		Apr. 01	USSR imposes Berlin blockade (through May 12, 1949)		Mar. 08	Mutual Defense Assistance (MDA) agreement signed	Feb. 13		France conducts its first nuclear test in the Sahara	
		Apr. 27	Japan Coast Guard Law promulgated		May 14	Japan and U.S. sign Land Lease Agreement on naval vessels	May 01		U-2 reconnaissance plane belonging to U.S. shot down in Soviet airspace	
May 14		Israel gains independence; First Middle East War starts (through February 24, 1949)	Jun. 02		House of Councillors passes resolution prohibiting dispatch of troops overseas	May 24	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the earthquake and tsunami in Chile			
Jun. 11		U.S. Senate Vandenberg resolution	Jun. 09		Promulgation of Defense Agency Establishment Law, Self-Defense Forces Law and Protection of National Secrecy Law pertaining to the MDA	Jul. 19	Ikeda Cabinet established; Esaki becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Jun. 26		Berlin airlift starts	Jul. 01		Defense Agency established; Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces inaugurated	Jul. 20	U.S. conducts successful underwater launch of Polaris SLBM			
Aug. 15		Republic of Korea (RÖK) declares independence	Jul. 21		Geneva Agreement on armistice in Indochina signed	Dec. 08	Inauguration of second Ikeda Cabinet; Nishimura becomes Minister of State for Defense			
Sep. 09		North Korea established	Sep. 03		Chinese People's Liberation Army shells Quemoy and Matsu for the first time	Dec. 20	Formation of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front			
Oct. 19		Inauguration of the second Yoshida Cabinet	Sep. 08		South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) formed by signing of collective defense pact	1961	Jan. 13		National Defense Council decides to reorganize GDSF units (into 13 divisions); presented to Cabinet January 20	
Nov. 12		International Military Tribunal for the Far East renders judgment	Dec. 02	U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty signed	Apr. 12		USSR successfully launches manned spacecraft			
1949		Jan. 25	Council for Mutual Economic Cooperation (COMECON) established	Dec. 10	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Omura becomes Minister of State for Defense		May 16	Military junta seizes power in a coup in RÖK		
	Feb. 16	Inauguration of third Yoshida Cabinet	1955	Mar. 19	Inauguration of second Hatoyama Cabinet; Sugihara becomes Minister of State for Defense		Jul. 06	Soviet-North Korea Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed		
	Apr. 04	North Atlantic Treaty signed by 12 nations (becomes effective August 24) (NATO established)		Apr. 18	Africa-Asia conference held at Bandung		Jul. 11	Sino-North Korean Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed		
	Apr. 21	Nationalist-Communist talks break up; Chinese Communist Army launches general offensive		May 05	West Germany formally admitted to NATO		Jul. 18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet; Fujieda becomes Minister of State for Defense		
	May 06	Federal Republic of Germany established (West Germany)		May 06	Live shell fire by U.S. forces at Kita Fuji Maneuver Area; opposition to firing intensifies		Jul. 18	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Second Defense Build-up Plan		
	Jul. 05	Shimoyama incident		May 08	Protests begin at Sunagawa Base		1962	Jul. 18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet (second term); Shiga becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jul. 15	Mitaka incident		May 14	Signing of Warsaw Pact (WPO) starts			Jul. 23	International Agreement on the Neutrality of Laos signed in Geneva International Conference	
	Aug. 17	Matsukawa incident		Jul. 31	Sunada becomes Minister of State for Defense			Aug. 15	GDSF completes 13 division organization	
	Sep. 24	USSR declares possession of atomic bomb		Aug. 06	First World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held in Hiroshima			Oct. 15	Type 61 tank first introduced	
	Oct. 01	People's Republic of China established		Aug. 31	Shigemitsu-Dulles meeting; joint statement issued on revision of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Oct. 20		China-India border dispute (through November 22)		
	Oct. 07	German Democratic Republic established (East Germany)		Nov. 14	Japan-U.S. Atomic Energy Agreement signed	Oct. 24		U.S. Navy imposes sea blockade of Cuba (through November 20)		
Oct. 07	Chinese Nationalist Party takes refuge in Taiwan	Nov. 22		Inauguration of third Hatoyama Cabinet; Funada becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 28	Premier of the Soviet Union Khrushchev declares dismantling of missile bases in Cuba				
1950	Jan. 27	U.S. signs MSA agreement with NATO countries	Dec. 19	Atomic Energy Basic Law promulgated	Nov. 01	Defense Facilities Administration Agency established				
	Feb. 14	Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance signed	1956	Feb. 09	House of Representatives passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bomb tests (House of Councillors, February 10)	Nov. 09		Shiga visits U.S. for first time as Minister of State for Defense (through November 26)		
	Jun. 21	John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U.S. Department of State, visits Japan		Feb. 14	Stalin criticized at the 20th Congress of Soviet Communist Party in Moscow; Khrushchev proclaims policy of peaceful co-existence with the West	1963		Jun. 20	Agreement signed for U.S.-Soviet hotline	
	Jun. 25	Korean War (ends July 27, 1953)		Mar. 23	Defense Agency moved to Kasumigaseki			Jul. 18	Inauguration of second reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet (third term); Fukuda becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jun. 28	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet		Apr. 17	USSR announces dissolution of Cominform		Aug. 08	Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed by U.S.-USSR-U.K. (enters into force on October 10)		
	Jul. 07	United Nations Force authorized for dispatch to Korea		Apr. 26	First Japan-made destroyer Harukaze completed		Sep. 14	Japan joins Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty		
	Jul. 08	General MacArthur authorizes the establishment of the National Police Reserve, consisting of 75,000 men, and the expansion of the Japan Coast Guard by 8,000 men		Jul. 02	National Defense Council Composition Law promulgated		Sep. 16	Malaysian Federation established		
	Aug. 10	National Police Reserve Ordinance promulgated and put into effect		Jul. 26	Egyptian President Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal		Dec. 09	Inauguration of third Ikeda Cabinet		
	Aug. 13	Ordinary personnel recruitment for the National Police Reserve begins		Sep. 20	First domestically-produced F-86F fighter delivered		Dec. 17	RÖK transits to civilian government, Park Chung-hee becomes President		
	Aug. 14	Masuhara appointed first Director-General of the National Police Reserve		Oct. 19	Joint declaration on restoration of Japanese-Soviet relations		1964	Jun. 15	Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty enters into force for Japan	
	Aug. 14	Masuhara appointed first Director-General of the National Police Reserve		Oct. 23	Hungarian Revolution			Jul. 18	Inauguration of third reshuffled Ikeda Cabinet; Koizumi becomes Minister of State for Defense	
Sep. 07	National Police Reserve headquarters moves from the National Police Agency headquarters to Etchujima	Oct. 29		Second Middle East War (Suez War, through November 6)	Aug. 02			Gulf of Tonkin incident		
Sep. 15	U.N. troops land at Inchon	Dec. 18	Japan joins the U.N.	Oct. 16	China successfully carries out its first nuclear test					
Oct. 25	Chinese Communist volunteers join Korean War	Dec. 23	Ishibashi Cabinet established; Prime Minister concurrently becomes Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 09	Sato Cabinet established					
Nov. 24	U.S. announces the seven principles for concluding a peace treaty with Japan	1957	Jan. 31	Acting Prime Minister Kishi concurrently becomes, ad interim, Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 12	U.S. nuclear submarine (Sea Dragon) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time				
Dec. 18	NATO Defense Commission agrees to establishment of NATO Forces		Feb. 02	Kotaki becomes Minister of State for Defense	1965	Feb. 07		U.S. starts bombing of North Vietnam		
1951	Jan. 23		Minister of State Ohashi takes charge of the National Police Reserve	Feb. 25		Kishi Cabinet established		Feb. 10	Diet debate on Mitsuyasu study	
	Jan. 29		First Yoshida-Dulles talks (peace treaty negotiations)	Mar. 15		House of Councillors passes resolution to ban atomic and hydrogen bombs		Jun. 03	Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Matsuno becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Mar. 01		Special recruitment of Military and Naval Academy graduates to serve as police officers 1st and 2nd class begins	May 15		U.K. conducts its first hydrogen bomb test				
	Apr. 11		MacArthur was dismissed as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers	May 20		National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Basic Guidelines for National Defense				
	Jul. 04		Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet (second term)	Jun. 14		National Defense Council decision and Cabinet understanding adopted on First Defense Build-up Plan				
	Aug. 30		U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty signed	Jun. 21		Kishi-Eisenhower talks; joint statement on the early withdrawal of the USFJ issued				
	Sep. 01		Australia-New Zealand-U.S. sign ANZUS Treaty	Jul. 10		Inauguration of reshuffled Kishi Cabinet; Tsushima becomes Minister of State for Defense				
	Sep. 08		49 countries sign Peace Treaty with Japan; Japan-U.S. Security Treaty concluded							
	Oct. 20		Ozuki unit dispatched for the first time on a rescue relief operation to Kita Kawachi Village, Yamaguchi Prefecture, in the wake of Typhoon Ruth							
	Oct. 26	House of Representatives approves Peace Treaty and Japan-U.S. Security Treaty (House of Councillors approval given November 18)								
	Dec. 26	Inauguration of third reshuffled Yoshida Cabinet (third term)								

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1965	Jun. 22	Japan-ROK Basic Treaty signed
	Sep. 01	Second India-Pakistan conflict (to September 22)
	Nov. 10	Icebreaker Fuji leaves on first mission to assist Antarctic observation (through April 8, 1966)
1966	May 16	Cultural Revolution starts in China
	Jul. 01	France withdraws from the NATO command (rejoined April 4, 2009)
	Aug. 01	Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet (second term); Kambayashiyama becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Oct. 27	China successfully carries out its first nuclear missile test
	Nov. 29	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Outline of Third Defense Build-up Plan
	Dec. 03	Inauguration of reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Masuda becomes Minister of State for Defense
	1967	Jan. 27
Feb. 17	Inauguration of second Sato Cabinet	
Mar. 14	National Defense Council decision adopted on Key matters for inclusion in Third Defense Build-up Plan (Cabinet decision on March 14)	
Mar. 29	Sapporo District Court renders judgment on Eniwa Case	
Jun. 05	Third Middle East War (through June 9)	
Jul. 17	China successfully carries out its first hydrogen bomb test	
Jul. 01	Formation of European Community (EC)	
Aug. 08	Formation of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	
Nov. 25	Inauguration of second reshuffled Sato Cabinet	
1968	Jan. 16	Prime Minister Wilson announces withdrawal of U.K. troops east of Suez
	Jan. 19	U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (Enterprise) enters a Japanese port (Sasebo) for the first time
	Jan. 23	Seizure of U.S. Navy intelligence vessel Pueblo by North Korea
	Feb. 26	New Japan-U.S. nuclear agreement signed
	May 13	First formal Vietnamese peace talks held in Paris
	Jun. 26	Ogasawara Islands revert to Japan
	Jul. 01	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signed
	Aug. 20	Soviet and Eastern European troops invade Czechoslovakia
	Aug. 24	France carries out its first hydrogen bomb test in the South Pacific
	Nov. 30	Inauguration of second reshuffled Sato Cabinet (second term); Arita becomes Minister of State for Defense
	1969	Jan. 10
Mar. 02	Armed clashes between Chinese and Soviet forces on Chenpao Island (Damansky Island)	
Apr. 15	North Korea shoots down U.S. EC-121 reconnaissance plane	
Jun. 10	South Vietnam announces establishment of Provisional Revolutionary Government	
Jul. 25	U.S. President Nixon announce Guam Doctrine (later the Nixon Doctrine)	
Nov. 21	Sato-Nixon joint statement (extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, return of Okinawa to Japan by 1972)	
1970	Jan. 14	Inauguration of third Sato Cabinet; Nakasone becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Jan. 24	Formation of integrated WFO (Warsaw Pact) forces (involving seven countries)
	Feb. 03	Japan signs Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
	Feb. 11	First domestically produced artificial satellite successfully launched
	Mar. 05	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force
	Mar. 31	Yodo hijacking
	Apr. 16	U.S. and USSR sign SALT I strategic arms limitation talks
	Apr. 24	China successfully launches its first satellite
	Jun. 23	Automatic extension of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty
	Aug. 12	West Germany-USSR sign non-aggression pact
	Oct. 20	Publication of "The Defense of Japan," the first white paper on defense
Nov. 25	Yukio Mishima commits suicide by ritual disembowelment at the GSDF Eastern Army Headquarters in Ichigaya	
1971	Feb. 11	Signing of treaty forbidding the use of the seabed for military purposes
	Jun. 17	Agreement on the Return of Okinawa signed
	Jun. 29	Okinawa Defense Agreement (Kubo-Curtis Agreement) signed
	Jul. 05	Inauguration of third reshuffled Sato Cabinet; Masuhara becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Jul. 30	All Nippon Airways plane collides with SDF aircraft (Shizukuishi)
	Aug. 02	Nishimura becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Aug. 09	India-Soviet Friendship Treaty signed
	Sep. 30	U.S. and USSR sign agreement on measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war
	Oct. 25	U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution to admit China and expel Taiwan
	Nov. 24	House of Representatives resolution on nonnuclear weapons
	Nov. 27	ASEAN declares SEA neutrality
Dec. 03	Third India-Pakistan conflict	
Dec. 03	Esaki becomes Minister of State for Defense	
Dec. 05	ASDF first domestic supersonic aircraft ASDF XT-2 delivered	
1972	Jan. 07	Sato-Nixon joint statement on the agreement of the return of Okinawa and the reduction of bases
	Feb. 08	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Outline of 4th Five-Year Defense Build-up Plan
	Feb. 27	U.S. President Nixon visits China; China-U.S. Joint Communiqué
	Apr. 10	Japan signs Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC)
	Apr. 18	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on SDF deployment in Okinawa
	May 15	Return of Okinawa
	May 26	SALT I and agreement to limit ABM signed during the visit of U.S. President Nixon to USSR
	Jul. 03	India-Pakistan truce signed
	Jul. 04	ROK and North Korea make a Joint Statement for peaceful unification
	Jul. 07	Tanaka Cabinet established; Masuhara becomes Minister of State for Defense

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1972	Sep. 29	Prime Minister Tanaka visits China; normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China	
	Oct. 09	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Situation Judgment and Defense Concepts in the Fourth Defense Build-up Plan, Key Matters for Inclusion in Fourth Defense Build-up Plan, and Measures to Enhance Civilian Control	
1973	Dec. 21	East-West Germany Basic Treaty signed	
	Dec. 22	Inauguration of second Tanaka Cabinet	
1974	Jan. 23	14th Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting agrees on consolidation of U.S. bases in Japan (Kanito Program)	
	Jan. 27	Vietnam peace agreement signed (ceasefire takes effect on January 28)	
	Feb. 01	Defense Agency publishes Peacetime Defense Strength	
	Feb. 21	Laos Peace Treaty signed	
	Mar. 29	U.S. forces complete their withdrawal from Vietnam	
	May 29	Yamanaka becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jun. 22	General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union visits U.S.; convention on the prevention of nuclear war signed	
	Jul. 01	Commencement of SDF air defense mission on Okinawa	
	Sep. 07	Sapporo District Court rules SDF unconstitutional (Naganuma Judgment)	
	Sep. 21	Japan-North Vietnam establish diplomatic relations	
	Oct. 06	Fourth Middle East War (ends October 25)	
Oct. 08	Japan-Soviet Summit Meeting (Moscow)		
Oct. 17	Ten OPEC countries decide to reduce crude oil supplies		
Nov. 07	Pakistan formally withdraws from SEATO		
Nov. 25	Inauguration of second reshuffled Tanaka Cabinet		
1975	Jan. 05	Japan-China Trade Agreement signed	
	Jan. 18	Israel and Egypt sign Egyptian-Israeli Disengagement Treaties	
	Apr. 20	Japan-China Aviation Agreement signed	
	Apr. 25	National Defense Medical College opens	
	May 18	India carries out its first underground nuclear test	
	Jul. 03	U.S. President Nixon visits USSR, Treaty on the Limitation of Underground Nuclear Weapon Tests (Threshold Test Ban Treaty) signed	
	Oct. 08	Eisaku Sato, former Prime Minister, receives Nobel Prize	
	Nov. 11	Inauguration of second reshuffled second Tanaka Cabinet (second term); Uno becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Nov. 13	Japan-China Marine Transport Agreement signed	
	Nov. 15	U.N. forces in Korea discover a North Korean infiltration tunnel	
	Nov. 23	U.S. President Ford visits USSR, makes joint statement on SALT II	
Dec. 09	Miki Cabinet established; Sakata becomes Minister of State for Defense		
1975	Apr. 01	Director General instructs to create draft plan for defense forces after FY1977 (second instruction October 29)	
	Apr. 23	U.S. President Ford declares end of Vietnam War	
	Apr. 30	South Vietnamese Government surrenders unconditionally	
	Aug. 01	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) adopts the Helsinki Declaration (Helsinki)	
	Nov. 17	First summit meeting of most industrialized nations (Rambouillet, through November 17), held annually since	
1976	Apr. 05	Demonstrators and police clash in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China (1st Tiananmen Incident)	
	Jun. 04	Publication of second white paper on defense, "The Defense of Japan" (henceforth published annually)	
	Jun. 08	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty comes into force for Japan	
	Jul. 02	Socialist Republic of Vietnam (unified Vietnam) proclaimed	
	Jul. 08	Sub-Committee for Defense Cooperation (SDC) established	
	Aug. 05	Sapporo High Court renders judgment in Naganuma Nike suit	
	Aug. 18	U.S. military officers slain at Panmunjom by North Korea	
	Sep. 06	MIIG-25 forced to land at Hakodate Airport	
	Sep. 15	Inauguration of reshuffled Miki Cabinet	
	Oct. 29	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Defense Plan for Defense Build-up beyond FY1977	
	Nov. 05	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Immediate-term Defense Build-up and Handling Major Items in Preparations for Defense Forces	
Dec. 24	Fukuda Cabinet established; Mihara becomes Minister of State for Defense		
1977	Feb. 17	Mito District Court renders judgment in Hyakuri Base suit	
	Jun. 30	South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) dissolved (Treaty remains effective)	
	Jul. 01	Implementation of two maritime laws, proclaiming a 200-mile fishing zone and 12-mile territorial waters	
	Aug. 01	North Korea establishes military demarcation lines in Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea	
	Aug. 10	Defense Agency starts Emergency Legislation Study	
	Nov. 28	Inauguration of reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet; Kanemaru becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Dec. 29	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on introduction of F-15s and P-3C	
	1978	Apr. 12	Chinese fishing fleet infringes on waters around Senkaku islands
		Aug. 12	Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People's Republic of China signed in Beijing
	Sep. 21	Defense Agency announces modality and purpose of emergency legislation study	
	Nov. 03	Vietnam-Soviet Friendship Agreement signed	
Nov. 27	(ASDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral training exercises (east of Misawa and west of Akita, through December 1)		
Nov. 27	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee approves Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Cooperation, presented to and approved by Cabinet following deliberation by the National Defense Council on November 28		
Dec. 05	Afghanistan-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Good Relations and Cooperation signed		
Dec. 07	Ohira Cabinet established; Yamashita becomes Minister of State for Defense		
Dec. 25	Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia (withdrawal completed on September 26, 1989)		
1979	Jan. 01	U.S. and China normalize diplomatic relations, U.S. notifies termination of the U.S.-Taiwan Mutual Defense Treaty after one year	
	Jan. 07	Fall of Phnom Penh, establishment of Heng Samrin regime announced	

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1979	Jan. 11	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on introduction of E-2C	
	Feb. 11	Islamic Revolution takes place in Iran	
	Feb. 17	Sino-Vietnamese War (through March 5)	
	Mar. 26	Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed	
	Jun. 18	SALT II signed	
	Jul. 17	Announcement of Mid-Term Defense Estimate (FY1980-FY1984)	
	Jul. 25	Minister of State for Defense Yamashita makes first visit to ROK as an incumbent Minister (through July 26)	
	Nov. 09	Inauguration of second Ohira Cabinet; Kubota becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Dec. 27	Soviet Union invades Afghanistan	
	1980	Feb. 04	Hosoda becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Feb. 26	Maritime Self-Defense Force takes part in RIMPAC for the first time (through March 18)	
Apr. 11	Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance lapses		
May 18	China tests an ICBM in the direction of the South Pacific Ocean for the first time		
Jul. 17	House of Councillors establishes special committee for Security Treaty, Okinawa, and Northern Territories issues		
Jul. 17	Suzuki Cabinet established; Omura becomes Minister of State for Defense		
Aug. 18	Interceptors begin to be armed with missiles		
Aug. 19	Arming escorts with live torpedoes announced		
Aug. 21	Soviet nuclear submarine has an accident off the main island of Okinawa		
Sep. 03	First meeting of the Japan-U.S. Systems and Technology Forum (Washington, D.C., through September 4)		
Sep. 22	Iran and Iraq enter into full-fledged war		
1981	Jan. 06	February 7 decided as Northern Territories Day (Cabinet understanding)	
Apr. 22	Defense Agency announces classification of the laws and regulations subject to the Studies on Emergency Legislation		
Jul. 07	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in Hyakuri Base suit		
Jul. 13	Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgment in 1st and 2nd Yokota Air Base noise suits		
Oct. 01	(GSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises (in communications) staged at Higashi Fuji Maneuver Area (through October 3)		
Nov. 30	Inauguration of reshuffled Suzuki Cabinet; Ito becomes Minister of State for Defense		
Dec. 13	Poland declares martial law and establishes the Military Council of National Salvation		
1982	Feb. 15	(GSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (staged at Takigahara, through February 19)	
	Apr. 02	Falklands dispute (ends June 14)	
	Apr. 25	Israel returns all of Sinai Peninsula	
	May 15	Use of some sections of land within facilities and areas located in Okinawa starts under the Special Land Lease Law	
	Jun. 06	Israeli forces invade Lebanon	
	Jun. 08	BWC enters into force in Japan	
	Jun. 09	Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW), Protocols I, II and III concluded	
	Jun. 29	Commencement of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START-I) U.S.-Soviet Union (Geneva)	
	Jul. 23	1981 Mid-Term Defense Estimate presented to and approved by National Defense Council	
	Aug. 17	U.S.-China Joint Statement about U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan	
	Sep. 09	Supreme Court renders judgment on Naganuma Nike Missile Base Case	
Oct. 12	China successfully tests SLBM water launch		
Oct. 20	Yokohama District Court renders judgment in 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit		
Nov. 27	Nakasone Cabinet established; Tanikawa becomes Minister of State for Defense		
1983	Jan. 01	U.S. establishes new Unified Combatant Command (Central Command)	
	Jan. 14	Government decides to pave the way for the transfer of military technologies to the U.S. (Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary)	
	Mar. 23	U.S. President Reagan announces Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)	
	Jun. 12	Director Tanigawa first Minister of State for Defense to inspect Northern Islands	
	Sep. 01	KAL airliner shot down by Soviet fighters near Sakhalin	
	Oct. 09	19 ROK Government officials, including cabinet ministers, killed in Burma by North Korean terrorists	
	Oct. 25	U.S. and six Caribbean nations send troops to Grenada	
	Nov. 08	Signing of negotiation statement for sharing military technology with the U.S. based on the U.S. and Japan Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement	
	Dec. 12	(ASDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (Fuchu, through December 15)	
	Dec. 27	Inauguration of second Nakasone Cabinet; Kurihara becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	1984	Jan. 01	Brunei gains independence from the U.K. (joins ASEAN on January 7)
Jun. 11		(MSDF) First Japan-U.S. bilateral command post exercise (Yokosuka, through June 15)	
Oct. 16		Defense Agency announces procedures, etc., of future Studies on Emergency Legislation in Studies on Legislation to Deal with Emergencies	
Nov. 01	Inauguration of second reshuffled Nakasone Cabinet; Kato becomes Minister of State for Defense		
1985	Mar. 12	U.S.-Soviet Union arms control talks begin	
	Apr. 02	USAF begins to station F-16 fighters at Misawa	
	Jun. 04	China announces the reduction of one million personnel from the People's Liberation Army	
	Aug. 12	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the JAL aircraft crash	
	Sep. 18	National Defense Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program; National Defense Council decision and Cabinet understanding adopted on introduction of Patriots	
	Dec. 27	Detailed arrangements for the supply of military technologies to the U.S. concluded	
	Dec. 28	Inauguration of second reshuffled Nakasone Cabinet (second term)	
	1986	Feb. 24	First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint command post exercise (Hino-cho, headquarters of USFJ, etc., through February 28)
Apr. 09	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit		



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1986	Apr. 26	Accident at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union	1990	Jun. 19	Japan-U.S. Joint Committee confirms moves to prepare necessary steps to return U.S. military facilities in Okinawa (23 items)	1993	Jun. 01	Along with full operation of the private government plane (B-747), Special Air Transport Squadron newly established
	Jul. 01	Security Council Establishment Law enacted		Jun. 21	Japan and the U.S. reach agreement in principle on the establishment of a ministerial conference on security		Jun. 09	Wedding ceremony of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince
	Jul. 22	Inauguration of third Nakasone Cabinet; Kurihara becomes Minister of State for Defense		Aug. 02	Iraq invades Kuwait		Jun. 11	North Korea reserves the right to withdraw from the NPT in a joint statement issued during first round of U.S.-North Korea consultations
	Aug. 10	U.S. announces suspension of its obligations to New Zealand under the ANZUS Treaty in treaty talks (San Francisco, through August 11)		Aug. 02	U.S. President G.H.W. Bush gives speech at Aspen		Jul. 12	Disaster relief teams dispatched to Hokkaido in response to the earthquake off southwestern Hokkaido (through August 12)
	Aug. 15	Japan, U.S., USSR open hotline operations		Oct. 03	German unification		Aug. 04	Signing of peace treaty in Rwandan civil war
	Sep. 05	Government approves the first transfer of military technology to the U.S.		Oct. 16	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations submitted to Diet		Aug. 09	Hosokawa Cabinet established; Nakanishi becomes Minister of State for Defense
	Sep. 22	Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE) adopts final documents (Stockholm)		Oct. 24	USSR conducts underground nuclear tests in the Arctic		Sep. 01	U.S. DoD announces the Bottom Up Review
	Oct. 15	USSR announces partial withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan		Nov. 10	Bill on Cooperation with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations annulled		Sep. 13	Israel and PLO sign a declaration of the principles of provisional autonomy
	Oct. 27	First Japan-U.S. bilateral joint field training exercise (eastern and southern part of Honshu island, etc., through October 31)		Nov. 12	Coronation of Emperor		Sep. 23	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to establish the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)
	1987	Jan. 24		Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on a program for the future build-up of defense capacity	Dec. 29		Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet; Ikeda becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 13
Jan. 30		Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)	1991	Jan. 17	Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of the Gulf Crisis Countermeasures Headquarters	Nov. 01	Maastricht Treaty comes into effect; European Union established	
May 27		Metropolitan Police Department arrests two employees of Toshiba Machine Co., Ltd., in connection with unfair exports that breach the rules of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Strategic Export Controls (COCOM) to Communist areas		Jan. 17	Coalition forces launch air attacks against Kuwait and Iraq, Operation Desert Storm	Dec. 02	Aichi becomes Minister of State for Defense	
May 29		Director Kurihara first incumbent Director to visit China (through June 4)		Jan. 24	Government pledges an additional U.S.\$9 billion to efforts to restore peace in the Gulf region	1994	Feb. 24	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Kadena Air Base noise suits
Jul. 15		Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 1st and 2nd Yokota Air Base noise suits		Jan. 25	Cabinet decision adopted on ordinance on interim measures for the airlifting of Gulf Crisis refugees (promulgated and enacted on January 29, annulled April 19)		Mar. 23	First female aviation students join MSDF
Jul. 20		U.N. Security Council adopts Iran-Iraq Conflict Cease Fire resolution (Number 598)		Mar. 13	Kanazawa District Court renders judgment on the 1st and 2nd Komatsu Air Base noise suits		Mar. 24	First female aviation students join ASDF
Aug. 26		Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams enacted		Mar. 31	WFO (Warsaw Pact structures) dismantled		Mar. 30	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit
Oct. 06		First Japan-U.S. Meeting on COCOM held (Tokyo, through October 7)		Apr. 11	Gulf War formally ended		Apr. 28	Hata Cabinet established; Kanda becomes Minister of State for Defense
Oct. 21		Follow-on aircraft for F-1 study results decided and announced		Apr. 24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on "Sending minesweepers to the Persian Gulf"		Jun. 08	U.S. DoD submits "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation" pertaining to weapons of mass destruction such as nuclear weapons
Nov. 06		Takeshita Cabinet established; Kawara becomes Minister of State for Defense		Apr. 26	Total of six MSDF vessels, including minesweepers, depart for the Persian Gulf		Jun. 30	Murayama Cabinet established; Tamazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense
Nov. 29		KAL airliner blown up by North Korean terrorists over the Bay of Bengal		Jun. 03	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of Fugendake on Mt. Unzen		Sep. 22	U.S. DoD announces "Nuclear Posture Review"
Dec. 08		INF Treaty signed		Jul. 31	U.S. and Soviet leaders sign START-I in Moscow		Oct. 21	U.S.-North Korea talks, both sides sign "Framework Agreement" relating to support for North Korean light water reactors, and provision of substitute energy
Dec. 18		Security Council of Japan approves a study on the state of air defense on the high seas		Sep. 06	Soviet State Council approves independence of three Baltic states		Dec. 01	First Asia-Pacific Security Seminar (under the auspices of the National Institute for Defense Studies, through December 17)
1988		Mar. 02		Revised protocol of the Special Measures Agreement concerning the cost sharing of the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan signed (effective June 1)	Sep. 17		U.N. General Assembly approves 7 member nations, including North and South Korea, and 3 Baltic nations SDF personnel join U.N. teams carrying out inspections on Iraq chemical weapons for the first time	Dec. 01
	Mar. 14	Armed clashes between China and Vietnam in the waters around the Spratly Islands		Oct. 09	House of Representatives establishes the Committee on National Security		Dec. 05	START-I comes into force
	Apr. 12	Signing of official documents for the transfer of military technologies in certain areas of defense from the U.S. to Japan under the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement between the two countries	Nov. 05	Miyazawa Cabinet established; Miyashita becomes Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 18		Russia starts military operations against Chechnya	
	May 29	U.S.-Soviet Union Summit Meeting (Moscow, through June 1, instruments of ratification of INF Treaty exchanged)	Nov. 26	Clark USAF Base formally returned to Philippines	Dec. 20		First visit to Japan by the ROK's naval training vessel (Harumi, through December 23)	
	Jun. 01	Supreme Court renders judgment on an appeal against the enshrining of an SDF officer killed in an accident	Dec. 05	Ukrainian independence declared by Supreme Council of Ukrainian Republic	Dec. 26	Kanazawa branch of Nagoya High Court renders judgement in 1st and 2nd Komatsu Air Base noise suits		
	Jul. 23	Submarine and civilian fishing boat in collision (off Yokosuka)	Dec. 08	CIS agreement signed by leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine at Summit Meeting (Brest, Belarus)	1995	Jan. 17	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (through April 27)	
	Aug. 17	First joint verification of an underground nuclear test carried out by U.S. and Soviet Union (Nevada)	Feb. 07	Twelve EC countries sign the European Union Treaty (Maastricht Treaty)		Mar. 09	Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) established	
	Aug. 20	Ceasefire agreement reached in Iran-Iraq War	Feb. 25	China promulgates and enacts Territorial Waters Act, designating the Senkaku Islands as an integral part of China		Mar. 20	SDF personnel dispatched teams to carry out rescue operations in the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system (through March 23)	
	Aug. 24	Tazawa becomes Minister of State for Defense	Apr. 01	Custody of government aircraft (B-747) transferred to the Defense Agency		May 11	NPT extended indefinitely	
	Sep. 20	First Japan-made T-4 medium trainer introduced	Apr. 01	First female students enter National Defense Academy of Japan		May 19	Enactment of "Act on Special Measures Incidental to Reversion of Lands in Okinawa Prefecture Offered for Use by United States Forces in Japan" (effective June 20)	
	Oct. 17	U.S. and Philippines sign negotiated agreement on revised Military Bases Agreement	Apr. 27	Tokyo District Court renders judgment in suits pertaining to the surrender of land for Atsugi Air Base		Jun. 05	The defense authorities of Japan and the ROK both issue the "letter concerning the prevention of accidents between aircraft of the Japan Self-Defense Forces and military aircraft of the Republic of Korea"	
	Nov. 29	Japanese and U.S. Governments sign memorandum and detailed arrangements relating to FS-X joint development	May 22	North Korean soldiers invade the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and fire guns		Jul. 28	Vietnam officially joins ASEAN	
	Dec. 07	General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev delivers speech to the U.N. on the decommissioning of 500,000 Soviet troops	May 23	START-I Treaty signed between the U.S. and four Soviet States including Russia		Aug. 01	1st KEDO Meeting (Japan-U.S.-ROK) held (New York)	
	Dec. 27	Inauguration of reshuffled Takeshita Cabinet	May 25	IAEA officials make the first designated inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities (through June 5)		Aug. 08	Inauguration of reshuffled Murayama Cabinet; Eto becomes Minister of State for Defense	
1989	Jan. 07	Demise of Emperor Showa	Jun. 19	Announcement of "International Peace Cooperation Law" (enacted August 10), announcement and enactment of "Plan to Amend Law Concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams" (enacted June 29)		Sep. 04	Japanese schoolgirl assaulted by three U.S. soldiers based in Okinawa	
	Feb. 15	Soviet Union completes the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan	Aug. 10	International Peace Cooperation Law comes into force		Sep. 15	Ratification of Chemical Weapons Convention	
	Feb. 24	Emperor Showa's funeral	Aug. 24	China and the ROK establish diplomatic relations		Oct. 27	Announcement of "Law Relating to the Treatment of Defense Agency Personnel Dispatched to International Organizations" (effective January 1, 1996)	
	Mar. 09	Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) started (Vienna)	Sep. 17	Departure commences of 1st Cambodia Dispatch Facilities Battalion (All units returned to Japan by September 26, 1993)		Nov. 17	Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of a consultation forum to discuss issues relating to U.S. bases in Okinawa	
	Mar. 09	Confidence and Security-Building Measures (CSBM) started (Vienna)	Sep. 19	Departure of Electoral Observer to Cambodia (Marita)		Nov. 19	Prime Minister Murayama and U.S. Vice President Gore agree on the establishment of the Special Action Committee on Facilities and Areas in Okinawa (SACO)	
	Mar. 15	Hachioji branch of the Tokyo District Court renders judgment in the 3rd Yokota Air Base noise suit	Sep. 30	U.S. returns Naval Base Subic Bay (Philippines)	Nov. 28	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on National Defense Program Outline for the period from FY1996		
	Mar. 30	New BADGE system begins operations	Nov. 09	CFE Treaty becomes formally effective	Dec. 14	Security Council of Japan decision adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2000) (Cabinet decision on December 15)		
	Apr. 01	Consumption Tax Law enforced	Nov. 24	U.S. returns Air Station Cubi Point (Philippines) (withdrawal from Philippines complete)	Dec. 14	Security Council of Japan makes decision "Regarding upgrading of Next-Generation Support Fighter" (December 15, Cabinet approval); Model of Next-Generation Support Fighter "F-2" decided		
	May 10	START-I reopened at U.S.-Soviet foreign ministers conference, agreement achieved (Moscow, through May 11)	Dec. 03	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to allow military action by multinational forces in Somalia	Dec. 14	Formal signing of the Bosnian Peace Agreement in Paris		
	Jun. 03	Uno Cabinet established; Yamasaki becomes Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 12	Inauguration of reshuffled Miyazawa Cabinet; Nakayama becomes Minister of State for Defense	Dec. 20	IFOR, consisting mainly of NATO troops, replaces UNPROFOR and formally commences operations		
	Jun. 04	Chinese martial law units fire on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in Beijing (2nd Tiananmen incident)	Dec. 16	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution to deploy peacekeeping operations in Mozambique	Dec. 26	Tokyo High Court renders judgement on remanded appeal trial for 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit		
	Jun. 20	Supreme Court renders judgment in the Hyakuri Base suit	Dec. 18	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Modification of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1991-FY1995)	1996	Jan. 11	Hashimoto Cabinet established; Usui becomes Minister of State for Defense	
	Jun. 22	Yokohama District Court renders judgment in the Atsugi Air Base suit to vacate the premises	Dec. 21	Yokohama District Court renders judgement in 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit		Jan. 26	START-II ratified by U.S. Senate	
	Jun. 24	Zhao Ziyang relieved of post as General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, and replaced by Jiang Zemin	1993	Jan. 03		U.S.-Russia Summit Meeting (Moscow); START-II signed	Jan. 31	SDF units dispatched to United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)
Aug. 10	Kaifu Cabinet established; Matsumoto becomes Minister of State for Defense	Feb. 25		Supreme Court renders judgement in 1st Atsugi Air Base noise suit and 1st and 2nd Yokota Air Base noise suits		Mar. 08	China carries out three missile firing exercises in total, naval and air force live-fire drills and, ground, naval and air force integrated exercises in the waters close to Taiwan March 8-25	
Sep. 26	Vietnam completely withdraws from Cambodia	Mar. 12		North Korea announces secession from NPT		Mar. 23	Taiwan holds its first direct presidential elections; Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui re-elected	
Nov. 09	GDR permits free departures to the West (virtual demolition of the Berlin Wall)	Mar. 25		Aeglis ship (Kongo) enters service		Apr. 12	Prime Minister Hashimoto meets U.S. Ambassador Mondale (agreement reached on the total return of Futenma Air Station, Okinawa, within five to seven years after conditions are satisfied)	
1990	Feb. 13	U.S. and Soviet foreign ministers agree on upper limit of 195,000 U.S. and Soviet troops in Central Europe and 225,000 U.S. troops in Europe		Apr. 08		Death of U.N. Volunteer (UNV) Atsuhiko Nakata in Cambodia	Apr. 15	Signing of Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement and its procedural arrangements (effective October 22)
	Feb. 20	Joint Military Technology Commission decides to provide "military technology related to FS-X" to U.S.		May 04		Multinational forces deployed to Somalia move to United Nations Operation in Somalia II (UNOSOM II)	Apr. 16	Cabinet decision adopted on promotion of solutions to issues relating to facilities and areas of U.S. forces in Okinawa Prefecture
	Feb. 28	Inauguration of second reshuffled Kaifu Cabinet; Ishikawa becomes Minister of State for Defense		May 04		Death of Superintendent Hanuyuki Takada, a civilian police officer in Cambodia	Apr. 17	Japan-U.S. Joint Declaration on Security issued
	Mar. 03	Japan-U.S. summit meeting (Kaifu, G.H.W. Bush, Palm Springs, through March 4)		May 11		Mozambique Dispatch Transport Coordination Unit begin departing for Mozambique (All units returned home by January 8, 1995)		
	May 29	Naha District Court renders judgment in administrative handling suit pertaining to Special Measures Law for USFJ Land		May 14		United Nations Operation in Mozambique headquarters staff depart for Mozambique		
				May 29		North Korea conducts a ballistic missile test over the central Sea of Japan		

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1996	Jul. 12	Inaugural meeting of Wassenaar Arrangement (Vienna)	1999	May 28	Act Concerning the Measures for Peace and Safety of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan promulgated (enters into force August 25), Act for Partial Revision of the Self-Defense Forces Act promulgated and enters into force	2001	Dec. 22	Afghanistan Interim Authority formed, with Hamid Karzai serving as Chairman	
	Jul. 20	U.N. Treaty on the Law of the Seas goes into effect in Japan		Jun. 15	Shooting incident between North Korean Naval ships which had crossed the Northern Limit Line and South Korean Naval ships		Dec. 22	Suspicious boat incident in waters southwest of Kyushu	
	Jul. 26	First visit to Russia by MSDF ships (Vladivostok, through July 30, Russian Navy's 300th anniversary naval review)		Jul. 23	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 2nd Atsugi Air Base noise suit		Dec. 29	Russia withdraws troops from its base in Cuba	
	Jul. 29	China conducts underground nuclear test (its 45th), then announces moratorium on nuclear testing		Aug. 05	First Bilateral Exercise of Search and Rescue Exercise between MSDF and ROK Navy (waters west of Kyushu)		2002	Jan. 29	U.S. President G.W. Bush depicts "Axis of Evil" in the State of the Union Address
	Aug. 28	First visit by MSDF ships to ROK (Pusan, through September 6)		Aug. 25	The Law Concerning Measures to Ensure the Peace and Security of Japan in Situations in Areas Surrounding Japan comes into force			Feb. 15	Cabinet decision adopted on international cooperation execution plan for Timor-Leste
	Aug. 28	Supreme Court renders judgement in lawsuit regarding mandamus pertaining to proxy signature with regard to the Act on Special Measures Concerning USFJ Land Release		Sep. 02	North Korea announces the invalidation of the Northern Limit Line in the Yellow Sea and the establishment of a new military demarcation line on the sea		Mar. 02	680 SDF personnel dispatched on the First Dispatch Engineering Group to Timor-Leste (through June 25, 2004)	
	Sep. 10	U.N. General Assembly adopts the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)		Sep. 23	SDF personnel dispatched to implement the transportation of necessary resources for international disaster relief operations in the Republic of Turkey (through November 22)		Mar. 06	Kanazawa District Court renders judgement in 3rd and 4th Komatsu Air Base noise suits	
	Sep. 18	North Korean minisubmarine runs aground on the east coast of ROK, its crew intruding into ROK territory (clearing operation completed November 7)		Sep. 29	Russian military unit advances into the Republic of Chechnya		Mar. 27	Introduction of Candidates for SDF Reserve Personnel System	
	Sep. 26	Hong Kong protest vessels (Baodiao) etc., intrude into Japan's territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands		Sep. 30	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the accident at a uranium processing facility in Tokaimura (through October 3)		Apr. 22	2nd Western Pacific Submarine Rescue Exercise held (the first multilateral exercise organized by Japan, through May 2)	
	Sep. 27	Taliban gains control of the Afghan capital, Kabul, and declares the establishment of the provisional government		Oct. 05	Inauguration of second Obuchi Cabinet; Kawara becomes Minister of State for Defense		May 04	Russia completes return of the Cam Ranh base to Vietnam	
	Oct. 03	Russia-Chechnya ceasefire agreed		Nov. 22	SDF personnel dispatched to Indonesia for Timor-Leste Refugees Support (through February 8, 2000)		May 20	The United Nations Transitional Administration in Timor-Leste (UNTAET) switches to the United Nations Mission Support in Timor-Leste (UNMISSET)	
	Nov. 07	Inauguration of second Hashimoto Cabinet; Kyuma becomes Minister of State of Defense		Nov. 22	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture declares the site proposed for the relocation of Futenma Air Station		May 24	Signing of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions	
	Nov. 18	Basic NATO agreement to keep a multinational stabilization force (SFOR) to succeed IFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina		Dec. 17	U.N. Security Council adopts a comprehensive resolution relating to the Iraq issue and establishes UNMOVIC in place of UNSCOM		May 30	Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 5th, 6th and 7th Yokota Air Base noise suits	
Dec. 02	SACO final report approved by Japan-U.S. Joint Security Council	Dec. 20	Rule over Macao transferred to China	Jun. 13	U.S. withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty				
Dec. 24	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on responses to foreign submarines traveling underwater in Japanese territorial waters	Dec. 27	Decision with the Japan Coast Guard on the "Joint Response Manual for Suspicious Ships"	Jun. 29	Exchanges of fire between ROK patrol boats and North Korean patrol boats which crossed the NLL				
1997	Jan. 02	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Russian Nakhodka shipwreck and oil spill disaster (through March 31)	Dec. 27	Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa Prefecture announces the acceptance of alternative facilities for Futenma Air Station	Jul. 16	U.S. Government releases "National Strategy for Homeland Security"			
	Jan. 20	Establishment of Defense Intelligence Headquarters	Dec. 28	Cabinet decision adopted on Government Policy for the Relocation of Futenma Air Station	Jul. 29	Basic Plan of the Futenma Replacement Facility agreed			
	Apr. 29	CWC enters into force	2000	Jan. 17	Anti-personnel mine disposal begins	Sep. 04	Incident in central Sea of Japan (response to a suspicious ship)		
	May 12	Russia-Chechnya peace treaty signed	Feb. 16	First assembly of the Research Commissions on the Constitution in the Upper House (Lower House on February 17)	Sep. 17	Japan-North Korea Summit Meeting; Kim Jong-Il, the North Korean President, admits and apologizes for abductions			
	Jun. 09	Self-Defense Official (Director General of the Inspection Bureau) dispatched to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (through June 2002)	Apr. 01	Enactment of the "Self-Defense Forces Personnel Ethics Act"	Sep. 20	U.S. Government announces "National Security Strategy"			
	Jul. 01	Hong Kong reverts to China	Apr. 05	Mori Cabinet established	Sep. 30	Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ishiba becomes Minister of State for Defense			
	Jul. 03	The first artillery live-fire training by U.S. Marines stationed in Okinawa conducted on the mainland of Japan (at Kita Fuji, through July 9)	Apr. 14	Russian Duma ratifies the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II (START-II)	Oct. 01	Personnel deployed to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (Head of Operations and Planning Branch) (through July 6)			
	Jul. 16	North Korean soldiers cross the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) and exchange fire with ROK troops	May 07	Russian Acting President Putin officially assumes duties as President	Oct. 13	First International Fleet Review in Japan (Tokyo Bay)			
	Sep. 11	Inauguration of second reshuffled Hashimoto Cabinet	May 08	Defense Agency moves to the Ichigaya building	Oct. 15	Five of those abducted return to Japan			
	Sep. 23	Guidelines for New Japan-U.S. defense cooperation approved by Security Consultative Committee (SCC)	Jun. 16	The Special Law for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Establishment of nuclear disaster relief dispatch) comes into force	Oct. 16	U.S. Government issues statement that North Korea admitted to having a program to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, during Assistant Secretary of State Kelly's visit to North Korea			
	Nov. 10	China-Russia Summit Meeting; China-Russian joint statement signed (Beijing), and demarcation of the China-Russian eastern border declared	Jul. 04	Inauguration of second Mori Cabinet; Torashima becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 16	Yokohama District Court renders judgement in 3rd, 4th and 5th Atsugi Air Base noise suits			
	Dec. 03	Final Report of the Administrative Reform Committee	Jul. 21	Kyushu-Okinawa Summit (through July 23)	Oct. 31	Naha branch of Fukuoaka High Court renders judgement in the suit pertaining to the surrender of land for Sobe Communication Site			
	Dec. 19	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY1996-FY2000)	Aug. 25	Replacement Facilities Council on the Relocation of Futenma Air Station established	Nov. 01	Introduction of stricter penalties in order to protect classified information (defense secrets)			
1998	Mar. 26	Introduction of a system of SDF Ready Reserve Personnel	Sep. 13	SDF personnel dispatched to dispose of Abandoned Chemical Weapons (ACW) in China	Nov. 14	KEDO Executive Board decides to freeze provision of heavy oil to North Korea from December			
	Apr. 28	The signing of an agreement to revise the Japan-U.S. Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement	Nov. 20	The 22nd Japanese Communist Party Convention decides to accept the SDF	Nov. 18	First SDF and police authority hold joint command post exercise in Hokkaido			
	May 11	India carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 13)	Dec. 05	Inauguration of second reshuffled Mori Cabinet; Saito becomes Minister of State for Defense	Nov. 21	NATO Prague Summit Meeting decides new membership for seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe			
	May 22	Naha branch of Fukuoaka High Court renders judgement in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Kadena Air Base noise suits	Dec. 15	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2001-FY2005)	Dec. 02	SDF personnel dispatched for the first time to the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)			
	May 28	Pakistan carries out underground nuclear tests (repeated May 30)	2001	Feb. 05	SDF units dispatched to India for International Disaster Relief Operation (through February 11), following the major earthquake which hit western India on January 26	Dec. 12	North Korea announces it will resume operation and establishment of nuclear-related facilities		
	Jun. 06	U.N. Security Council resolution adopted that condemns nuclear tests by India and Pakistan	Feb. 09	Personnel dispatched to UNMOVIC (through March, 2005)	Dec. 16	Kirishima, vessel equipped with Aegis air defense systems, departs the port of Yokosuka, according to revision (December 5) in Implementation Plan based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law			
	Jun. 12	Announcement and enactment of Basic Act on Central Government Reform	Feb. 10	Collision between Ehime Maru and U.S. submarine	Dec. 17	U.S. announces deployment of a missile defense system (ground- and sea-based interceptor missiles and PAC-3)			
	Jun. 12	Revision of the International Peace Cooperation Law promulgated and comes into force (the section concerning use of force enters into force July 12)	Mar. 01	The Ship Inspection Operations Law comes into effect	2003	Jan. 10	North Korea announces it is leaving the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)		
	Jun. 22	A North Korean submarine intrudes into the east coast of ROK, seized by ROK forces	Mar. 07	Former Maritime Self-Defense official is given a jail sentence for providing confidential documents to officer of the Russian Embassy		Jan. 24	U.S. Department of Homeland Security established		
	Jul. 27	China publishes its first comprehensive defense white paper, "Defense of China"	Apr. 01	Information Disclosure Act (IDA) comes into force	Jan. 28	Establishment of Consultative Body on Construction of Futenma Replacement Facility concerning Futenma Air Station Replacement			
	Jul. 29	Bilateral search and rescue exercise between MSDF/ASDF and Russian Navy — the first full-fledged bilateral exercise between Japan and Russia	Apr. 01	Collision between U.S. and Chinese military planes	Feb. 08	Disposal of anti-personnel landmines complete (with some exceptions)			
	Jul. 30	Obuchi Cabinet established; Nukaga becomes Minister of State for Defense	Apr. 26	Koizumi Cabinet established; Nakatani becomes Minister of State for Defense	Mar. 20	U.S. and U.K. Forces begin military operations in Iraq			
	Aug. 31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace	Jun. 15	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) established	Mar. 27	Act for Partial Revision of the Defense Agency Establishment Act, etc. (changes in SDF personnel quota and number of Ready Reserve Personnel) enters into force			
Sep. 01	Temporary freezing of Japan-North Korea normalization talks	Aug. 08	Disaster relief teams dispatched for submarine rescue ship Chihaya to cooperate in raising the Ehime Maru (returned December 16)	Mar. 30	International peace cooperation activities are conducted for relief of Iraqi refugees (Airborne unit for Iraqi refugee relief returns to Japan on April 2)				
Sep. 02	Additional sanctions on North Korea (suspension of charter flights) implemented	Sep. 11	Terrorist attacks in the U.S. occur	May 01	U.S. President G.W. Bush declares termination of major military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan				
Sep. 24	Japan-ROK Fisheries Agreement concluded (Takeshima Issue shelved)	Sep. 12	U.N. Security Council adopts resolution condemning the terrorist attacks	May 13	Hachioji branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 4th and 8th Yokota Air Base noise suits				
Sep. 30	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty concluded	Sep. 19	Prime Minister Koizumi announces immediate measures in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S.	May 31	U.S. President G.W. Bush proposes Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) for the first time				
Oct. 21	KEDO signed	Oct. 02	In response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in the U.S., NATO invokes Article 5 (on collective self-defense) of the North Atlantic Treaty	Jun. 01	U.S.-Russia Summit Meeting, enforcement of Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions				
Nov. 14	Departure of GSDF dispatch units to Honduras (operations in region November 18-December 1, return to Japan December 5)	Oct. 06	International peace cooperation for the relief of Afghan refugees (through October 12)	Jun. 06	Three Armed Attack Situation Response related laws passed in the House of Councillors plenary session				
Nov. 20	Norota becomes Minister of State for Defense	Oct. 07	U.S. and U.K. forces begin attacks in Afghanistan (October 19, U.S. Forces sends special operation forces, first ground fighting)	Jul. 17	International peace cooperation activities are conducted for relief of affected people in Iraq (Airborne unit for relief of affected people in Iraq returns to Japan August 18)				
Dec. 17	U.S. and U.K. forces initiate Operation Desert Fox against Iraq as a punishment for refusal to cooperate with UNSCOM inspections (through December 20)	Oct. 08	Government of Japan establishes the Emergency Anti-Terrorism Headquarters and decides upon Emergency Response Measures at the first meeting	Jul. 26	Law concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq passed in the House of Councillors plenary session				
Dec. 22	Cabinet decision adopted on introduction of information gathering satellite	Oct. 29	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and other measures passed in the House of Councillors plenary session	Aug. 27	First Round of the Six-Party Talks held (Beijing, through August 29)				
Dec. 22	Aha Training Area returned (the first resolved issue of SACO)	Nov. 02	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law and Law to Amend the Self-Defense Forces Law are promulgated and enforced (strengthening penalties to ensure secrecy is separately enforced on November 1, 2002)	Sep. 12	First PSI exercise held in the Coral Sea northeast of Australia (through September 14)				
Dec. 25	Security Council approves Japan-U.S. Cooperative Research on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies	Nov. 25	Based on the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law, an MSDF supply vessel, minesweeper tender, and destroyers depart for cooperation and support activities	Sep. 22	Inauguration of reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet (second term)				
1999	Jan. 14	Inauguration of reshuffled Obuchi Cabinet	Dec. 05	U.S. and Russia complete implementation of START-I	Sep. 30	Cabinet decision adopted on establishment of award for people engaged in dangerous activities (November 3, 2003 Former SDF personnel are conferred the award for people engaged in dangerous activities for the first time)			
	Mar. 23	Discovery of a suspicious ship off the Noto Peninsula (Maritime security operations ordered on March 24)	Dec. 20	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution establishing an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)	Oct. 07	Joint communique signed for the first time at Japan-China-ROK Summit meeting			
	Mar. 29	GSDF establishes first brigade			Oct. 10	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law remains in force for another two years			
	Apr. 01	Establishment of Committee for the Promotion of Information Gathering Satellites (Cabinet)			Oct. 15	China launches its first manned spacecraft Shenzhou 5			
	May 24	Agreement between Japan and U.S. to amend the "Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement" (adding cooperation for operations to respond to situations in areas surrounding Japan) approved in Diet (effective September 25)			Nov. 19	Inauguration of second Koizumi Cabinet			



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2003	Nov. 29	Ambassador Oku and First Secretary Inoue shot to death in the central region of Iraq	2005	Nov. 11	Cabinet decision adopted on "the Government's actions to be taken for the time being in connection with the matters approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee held on October 29, 2005"	2007	Sep. 01	Local Cooperation Bureau, Equipment and Facilities Headquarters, Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance, and Local Defense Bureau created
	Dec. 18	Iran signs IAEA agreement		Nov. 27	Field training under the Civil Protection Law takes place for the first time in Fukui Prefecture		Sep. 26	Fukuda Cabinet established; Ishiba becomes Minister of Defense
	Dec. 19	Libya announces abandonment of weapons of mass destruction program		Nov. 30	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 5th, 6th and 7th Yokota Air Base noise suits		Oct. 03	The Six-Party Talks Joint Statement, the "Second-Phase Actions for the Implementation of the Joint Statement," is announced
	Dec. 19	Government decides to introduce ballistic missile defense system (Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions)		Dec. 14	The first East Asia Summit is held (Kuala Lumpur)		Oct. 17	First Japan-U.S.-Australia trilateral exercise (MSDF, U.S. Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force)
Dec. 30	Relief materials transported by air in response to great earthquake in Iran under the Law concerning the Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief Teams (January 1-2, 2004)	Dec. 16	U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution criticizing the human rights situation in North Korea	Nov. 01	Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law expires Order issued on termination of response measures based on Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law			
2004	Jan. 22	ASDF main contingent leaves for Kuwait	2006	Jan. 10	Iran begins an uranium enrichment experiment	2008	Jan. 16	Enactment of the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law (units depart for Indian Ocean on January 24, 25)
	Feb. 03	Departure of first SDF contingent for Iraqi humanitarian and reconstruction support activities		Feb. 04	Japan-North Korea negotiations concerning abduction issue, normalization of diplomatic relations and nuclear/missile issues are held (through February 6)		Jan. 25	New Special Measures Agreement concerning the Cost Sharing on the Stationing of U.S. forces in Japan signed
	Feb. 09	Implementation of Iraq-related response measures approved in Diet	Mar. 06	At the Japan-China intergovernmental conference, China makes a proposal of joint development of gas field in East China Sea (through March 7)	Feb. 19		Collision between Aegis vessel MSDF F and fishing boat	
	Feb. 09	MSDF unit for marine transport leaves for Kuwait (return on April 8)	Mar. 27	Partial amendment (measures for destructing ballistic missiles, etc., establishment of Joint Staff Office, etc.) of the Defense Agency Establishment Law is enacted. With the creation of the Joint Staff Office, the SDF establishes a joint operations posture	Feb. 20		U.S. Navy Aegis ship succeeds in shooting down out-of-control satellite outside the earth's atmosphere with an SM-3	
	Mar. 04	Disaster relief teams dispatched for the first time in response to bird flu (Tanbacho, Kyoto Prefecture, through March 11)	Apr. 23	Japan and the United States agree to the sharing of expenses of relocation of U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa to Guam as part of realignment of USFJ	Feb. 21	Based on the Replenishment Support Special Measures Law, MSDF replenishment ships resume refueling U.S. ships in the Indian Ocean (through January 15, 2010)		
	Mar. 26	Diet decides on installation of ballistic missile defense system (FY2004 draft budget passed in the House of Councillors plenary session)	May 01	The Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) announces the "United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation"	Mar. 18	Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"		
	Apr. 15	First transport of Japanese nationals living overseas implemented, 10 nationals transported from Iraq to Kuwait	May 11	The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture and Minister of State for Defense sign a basic agreement on the realignment of USFJ	Mar. 26	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (inc. reorganization of the SDF Command and Communication Unit)		
	Apr. 15	Ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Defense Agency/SDF	May 29	First P-3C visit to Australia	Apr. 24	Announcement by U.S. Government that North Korea assisted with the construction by Syria of nuclear facilities destroyed in an air attack		
	Apr. 28	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1540 calling for the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction	Jun. 01	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to conduct international disaster relief activity for damages from the earthquake that occurred in central Java on May 27 (through June 22)	Jun. 24	First visit of MSDF vessel to China (through June 28)		
	May 22	Japan-North Korea Summit Meeting (Pyongyang). Five family members of abductees return to Japan	Jun. 20	The Government makes a decision to discontinue the activities of the GSDF contingent dispatched to Iraq. ASDF units continue to support the United Nations and the multinational forces	Jun. 26	Agreement reached between the Government of Japan and Government of China on the joint development of natural gas in the East China Sea		
	Jun. 01	U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1546 on reconstruction of Iraq	Jun. 23	Agreement concerning provision of arms and military technologies to the United States is signed	Jun. 26	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 1st and 2nd Futenma Air Station noise suits		
	Jun. 14	Seven bills on legislation concerning contingency response measures passed in House of Councillors plenary session and conclusion of three treaties approved	Jun. 29	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting, joint document "The Japan-U.S. Alliance of the New Century" announced	Jul. 07	G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit (through July 9)		
	Jun. 14	Special Measures Law for the Embargo on Specific Ships passed	Jul. 05	North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan	Jul. 15	Report by the Council for Reforming the Ministry of Defense released		
	Jun. 18	Cabinet agreement for SDF's activities in Iraq for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance after reestablishment of Iraq sovereignty (joining multinational forces)	Jul. 13	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 3rd, 4th and 5th Atsugi Air Base noise suits	Jul. 17	Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 4th and 8th Yokota Air Base noise suits		
	Jun. 28	Transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqi Interim Government	Jul. 31	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Defense Agency Establishment Law (inc. reinforcement of facilities administration function of the agency, establishment of the Equipment headquarters and reorganization of the Prefecture Liaison Offices into the Provincial Cooperation Offices)	Aug. 02	Inauguration of reshuffled Fukuda Cabinet; Hayashi becomes Minister of Defense		
	Aug. 13	U.S. helicopter crash at the university campus in Ginowan City, Okinawa	Aug. 16	A Russian patrol boat fires on a Japanese fishing boat, killing one of its crew members. The Government files a strong protest to Russia	Aug. 08	Russian Armed Forces intervene in military clashes between Georgian and South Ossetian forces		
	Sep. 27	Inauguration of second reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Ohno becomes Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 29	U.S. Navy, deploys Aegis ships equipped with SM-3 at Yokosuka naval facility	Aug. 10	Armed groups attack public security facilities in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China		
	Oct. 25	PSI exercise for maritime interdiction operation hosted by Japan for the first time (in the offing of Sagami Bay and in Yokosuka Harbor, through October 27)	Aug. 29	The Council Meeting on Measures for Relocation of Futenma Air Station established, and its first meeting held	Aug. 29	TRDI receives prototype of next-generation fixed-wing patrol aircraft XP-1 no. 1		
	Nov. 10	Intrusion of submerged Chinese nuclear powered submarine into Japan's territorial waters-Maritime security operations order issued (through November 12)	Sep. 26	Abe Cabinet established; Kyuma becomes Minister of State for Defense	Sep. 24	Aso Cabinet established; Hamada becomes Minister of Defense		
	Nov. 16	Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses regret over its nuclear submarine's intrusion into Japan's territorial waters	Oct. 09	North Korea conducts an underground nuclear test	Sep. 25	The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS "George Washington" arrives in the port of Yokosuka for the first time		
Dec. 10	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on "National Defense Program Guidelines, FY2005" and "Mid-Term Defense Program for FY2005-FY2009"	Oct. 13	Sanctions implemented against North Korea, which announced that it had conducted a nuclear weapon test	Sep. 25	China launches a manned spacecraft "Shenzhou 7," and conducts successful extravehicular activity for the first time			
Dec. 28	MSDF ships dispatched to the offing of Thailand's Phuket Island to engage in the international disaster relief activities for Indonesia's Sumatra earthquake and Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (through January 1, 2005)	Dec. 19	U.N. General Assembly adopts draft resolution condemning abduction of foreign citizens by North Korea	Oct. 03	U.S. DoD informs Congress of sale of PAC-3s, AH-64Ds, attack helicopters, etc., to Taiwan			
2005	Jan. 04	SDF units dispatched to Indonesia to engage in international emergency assistance in response to the major earthquake off the coast of Sumatra and tsunami in the Indian Ocean that occurred on December 26, 2004 (all teams returned home by March 23)	2007	Jan. 09	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Defense Agency Establishment Law (reorganization of the Defense Agency into the Ministry of Defense and stipulation of the SDF's international peace cooperation activities as its primary mission)	Sep. 25	U.S. DoD informs Congress of sale of PAC-3s, AH-64Ds, attack helicopters, etc., to Taiwan	
	Jan. 19	The Japanese Government newly formulates measures to cope with intrusion of the submerged submarines in Japan's territorial waters		Jan. 09	Kyuma becomes Minister of Defense	Oct. 10	U.S. removes North Korea from its list of state sponsors of terrorism	
	Feb. 10	North Korean Foreign Ministry releases a statement implying its manufacture of nuclear weapons (May 11, announces the unloading of 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods)	Jan. 12	China conducts an anti-satellite test	Oct. 19	Four Chinese naval warships including a destroyer sail through Tsugaru Strait for the first time		
	Feb. 17	Okinawa branch of Naha District Court renders judgement in 4th Kadena Air Base noise suit	Feb. 13	North Korea agrees to disable all of its nuclear facilities during the 5th Six-Party Talks	Oct. 22	Japan-India Summit Meeting; Japan-India Joint Statement on the Advancement of the Strategic and Global Partnership, and Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed		
	Feb. 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) — common strategic objectives confirmed	Mar. 05	First Aviation Training Relocation associated with realignment of the U.S. Forces in Japan (Tsukii, through March 8)	Oct. 24	SDF personnel dispatched to United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) (through September 30, 2011)		
	Mar. 08	ROK's Government protest over Asahi Shimbun aircraft approaching Takeshima without authorization	Mar. 13	Australian Prime Minister Howard visits Japan, and the Japan-Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed	Nov. 02	Four Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean for the first time		
	Mar. 14	National People's Congress adopts "Anti-Secession Law"	Mar. 23	Emergency response procedures for destruction measures against ballistic missiles are prepared	Dec. 02	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1846 on countering piracy off the coast of Somalia		
	Mar. 14	A Japanese boat attacked in the Straits of Malacca, and three crew abducted (Released on March 20)	Mar. 28	Establishment of the GSDF Central Readiness Force	Dec. 20	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on Review of the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2005-FY2009)		
	Mar. 16	Shimane Prefecture establishes "Takeshima Day"	Mar. 30	A Patriot PAC-3 system is deployed at the ASDF Iruma Air Base for the first time	Dec. 23	ASDF Airlift Wing that was deployed under the Law Concerning Special Measures on Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq returns to Japan		
	Mar. 25	Cabinet decision adopted on Basic Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians	Mar. 30	SDF personnel dispatched for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) as military observers (through January 18, 2011)	Dec. 26	Chinese naval fleet of three destroyers sets off to Somalia for escort mission		
	Apr. 25	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the railroad accident on JR West's Fukuchiyama Line	Apr. 16	First Japan-U.S.-India trilateral exercise (MSDF, U.S. Navy and Indian Navy)	2009	Jan. 08	ASDF deploys F-15s to Okinawa (Hyakuri Air Base)	
	Jul. 14	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry announces permission granted to Teikoku Oil for trial drilling in the East China Sea	Apr. 16	Kanazawa Branch of Nagoya District Court renders judgment on the 3rd and 4th trials for the suits pertaining to noise generated by the Komatsu Air Base		Jan. 15	Ministry of Defense decides on "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space"	
	Aug. 05	An MSDF vessel dispatched to conduct international disaster relief activity in connection with the accident of a small submarine of the Russian Navy off Kamchatka (All units returned home by August 10)	May 01	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) announces the joint statement "Alliance Transformation: Advancing United States-Japan Security and Defense Cooperation"		Feb. 10	Order issued relating to the conclusion of withdrawal duties for the Iraq Reconstruction Support Group by the redeployment group	
	Sep. 09	First China-Russia joint military exercises "Peace Mission 2005" (through August 25)	May 18	ASDF controllers positioned at the Yokota RAPCON facility		Feb. 17	Signing of the "Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam"	
	Sep. 09	Five destroyers of the Chinese Navy, including Sovremenny Class, are navigating in the sea area surrounding "Kashi" gas field near the median line between Japan and China in the East China Sea	May 29	Supreme Court renders judgement in 5th, 6th and 7th Yokota Air Base noise suits		Feb. 27	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 4th Kadena Air Base noise suit	
	Sep. 21	Inauguration of third Koizumi Cabinet	Jun. 01	Partial amendment (abolition of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency and its consolidation into the Ministry of Defense, establishment of the Inspector General's Office of Legal Compliance and the Local Defense Bureau, joint units of GSDF, MSDF and ASDF, etc.) of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law and the Self-Defense Forces Law enacted		Mar. 13	Cabinet decision adopted on Anti-Piracy Measures Law	
	Oct. 12	SDF units dispatched for Japan Disaster Relief operations in response to large-scale earthquake in Pakistan, etc. (All units returned home by December 2)	Jul. 04	Koike becomes Minister of Defense		Mar. 13	SDF mobilization order issued for maritime security operations as part of anti-piracy measures off the Coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden	
Oct. 20	GSDF and Hokkaido Prefectural Police conduct joint field training against terrorist attacks for the first time	Jul. 20	Enactment of the "Basic Act on Ocean Policy"	Mar. 14		Two MSDF ships are dispatched to protect vessels with ties to Japan from the piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden		
Oct. 29	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2," Washington, D.C.) joint announces "Japan-U.S. Alliance: Transformation and Realignment for the Future"	Aug. 10	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-U.S. General Security of Military Information Agreement	Mar. 27		SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (through April 6)		
Oct. 31	Inauguration of third reshuffled Koizumi Cabinet; Nukaga becomes Minister of State for Defense	Aug. 27	Inauguration of reshuffled Abe Cabinet; Koumura becomes Minister of Defense	Mar. 30		MSDF ships begin escort missions as part of anti-piracy measures		
Oct. 31	Partial amendment of the Anti-Terrorism Special Measures Law comes into force (validity is extended for one year)	Aug. 29	Enactment of the USFJ Realignment Special Measures Law					

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2009	Apr. 03	Foreign Minister Nakasone signs Status of Forces Agreement with Djibouti	2010	Dec. 07	Establishment of a governmental committee to review information security, as a result of the leakage of the video showing the fishing boat collision off the Senkaku Islands	2012	Apr. 27	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee "2+2" joint statement
	Apr. 05	North Korea launches a ballistic missile which flies through Japanese airspace		Dec. 17	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2011 and Beyond and the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2011 to FY2015)		Apr. 29	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr. 10	Supreme Court renders judgement in 4th and 8th Yokota Air Base noise suits	2011	Jan. 11	China conducts test flight of fighter aircraft touted as the next-generation stealth aircraft		May 17	Signing of the Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement
	May 04	1st ARF Disaster Relief Training (Philippines)		Jan. 14	Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet (second term)		Jun. 04	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (second term); Morimoto becomes Minister of Defense
	May 15	Order issued for P-3C to be dispatched to Djibouti for counter-piracy activities off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden		Jan. 21	Signing of the new Special Measures Agreement in connection with cost-sharing arrangements on the stationing of U.S. Forces in Japan (comes into effect on April 1)		Jul. 01	26 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait (through July 2)
	May 19	"Agreement on the Relocation of USMC in Okinawa to Guam" comes into force		Jan. 27	Supreme Court renders judgement in 4th Kadema Air Base noise suit		Jul. 03	First PSI Air Interdiction Exercise hosted by Japan (Hokkaido, through July 5)
	May 25	North Korea conducts the 2nd underground nuclear test		Feb. 04	The United States releases "National Security Space Strategy" (NSSS)		Jul. 11	Three vessels of Chinese Fishery Law Enforcement Command (FLEC) enter Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands
	Jun. 02	Basic Plan for Space Policy formulated		Feb. 05	New START comes into effect		Jul. 12	One FLEC vessel enters Japanese waters near the Senkaku Islands
	Jul. 04	North Korea launches a total of seven ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan		Feb. 23	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in New Zealand (through March 3)		Jul. 12	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Law for Establishment of Cabinet Office
	Jul. 14	Ratification of Convention on Cluster Munitions		Mar. 11	Four pirates that had shot at Japanese vessels off the Oman Coast in the Arabian Sea were arrested under the Anti-Piracy Law		Aug. 10	South Korean President Lee Myung-bak visits Takeshima
	Jul. 17	Announcement of Law Concerning the Prohibition of Manufacture of Cluster Munitions and Regulation of their Possession		Mar. 11	Great East Japan Earthquake strikes		Sep. 07	"Toward Stable and Effective Use of Cyberspace by the MOD/JSDF" is released
	Jul. 24	Anti-Piracy Measures Law enacted, Order issued for anti-piracy operations		Mar. 11	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (through August 31)		Sep. 11	Government's purchase of the three Senkaku Islands
	Jul. 31	Completion of withdrawal of non-American multinational forces from Iraq		Mar. 12	Nuclear disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (through December 26)		Sep. 23	SDF dispatch to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) ended
	Aug. 01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (inc. establishment of the Defense Council and the Special Advisors to the Minister of Defense, and abolition of the Defense Councilors System)	Mar. 16	Cabinet decisions adopted on first disaster call-up of SDF Reserve Personnel and Ready Reserve Personnel in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake	Sep. 25		The first FLEC aircraft carrier "Liaoning" commissioned	
	Sep. 16	Hatoyama Cabinet established; Kitazawa becomes Minister of Defense	Mar. 16	Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch GSDF Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel (through August 31)	Oct. 01		Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet (third term)	
	Oct. 05	SDF units dispatched to aid international disaster relief activities after the Padang earthquake in Indonesia (through October 17)	Mar. 19	The coalition force led by the U.S., U.K., and France commence military operations against Libya	Oct. 16		Seven Chinese warships pass through the waters between the Yonaguni Island and the Nakanokami Island for the first time	
	Oct. 27	Destroyer collides with ROK cargo ship in the Kammon Straits	Apr. 11	Reconstruction Design Council in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake established	Nov. 26		Promulgation and partial enforcement (regarding Japan-U.S. ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	
Nov. 10	North and South Korean ships engage in fire in the Yellow Sea	Apr. 15	Disaster relief call-up order is issued to dispatch MSDF and ASDF reserve personnel (through August 31)	Dec. 04	Launch of capacity building program in East Timor			
Nov. 23	Deployment Surface Force for Counter Piracy Enforcement (DSPE) receives the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea	Apr. 27	Partial revision to the Environmental Improvement Law (extended target projects for subsidies to improve the environment surrounding specified defense facilities)	Dec. 07	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated December 12)			
Dec. 01	Lisbon treaty comes into effect	May 02	U.S. President Obama announces the killing of Osama bin Laden, leader of the international terrorist organization Al-Qaeda	Dec. 12	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"			
Dec. 03	Tokyo High Court rejects appeal by MSDF Lieutenant Commander in Aegis information leakage case (appeal to Supreme Court)	Jun. 01	SDF activity base in Djibouti initiates operation	Dec. 13	A Chinese aircraft violates Japanese airspace for the first time (airspace surrounding the Senkaku Islands)			
Dec. 05	START I lapses	Jun. 21	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2" in Washington, D.C.) joint statement; release of "Toward a Deeper and Broader Japan-U.S. Alliance: Building on 50 Years of Partnership"	Dec. 26	Inauguration of second Abe Cabinet; Onodera becomes Minister of Defense			
Dec. 17	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on the build-up of defense capability for FY2010	Jun. 22	U.S. President Obama announces guidelines to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan	2013	Jan. 16	Abduction of Japanese nationals in Algeria		
2010	Jan. 11	China announces that it has performed missile interception test	Jun. 24		Exercise of the Basic Act on Reconstruction	Jan. 19	A Chinese naval vessel may direct fire-control radar at a helicopter based on a JMSDF destroyer	
	Jan. 17	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the earthquake in Haiti (February 14, operation completed)	Jul. 08		First meeting of the headquarters for reconstruction measures	Jan. 19	SDF dispatch to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	
	Jan. 19	"2+2" joint statement on the 50th anniversary of Japan-U.S. Security Treaty	Jul. 09		Independence of the Republic of South Sudan	Jan. 20	As a measure for the Transportation of Japanese Nationals Overseas (JNO) prescribed in the Self-Defense Forces Act, SDF transports Japanese victims of the Algerian hostage crisis from Algeria to Japan (return home on January 24)	
	Jan. 29	First test flight of Russian fifth-generation fighter PAK FA	Aug. 10		Conducts its first navigation Chinese aircraft carrier Varyag	Jan. 25	Security Council of Japan and Cabinet decisions adopted on build-up of defense capability for FY2013	
	Feb. 05	Decision made to dispatch SDF units to United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) (February 6, deployment commences) (January 25, 2013, operation completed)	Aug. 24		The Chinese fisheries patrol ships enter Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands	Jan. 25	"Basic Plan on Space Policy" is decided by the Strategic Headquarters for Space Development	
	Feb. 27	U.S. announces "Quadrennial Defense Review" (DDR) and "Ballistic Missile Defense Review" (BMDR)	Sep. 02		Noda Cabinet established; Ichikawa becomes Minister of Defense	Jan. 30	A Chinese vessel directs fire-control radar at a JMSDF destroyer in the East China Sea	
	Mar. 07	Russia publishes new Navy doctrine	Sep. 09		24 Russian vessels sail through Soya Strait	Jan. 31	Three Chinese vessels sail northeast of Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean	
	Mar. 11	ASDF Hyakuri Air Base, joint civilian use of runway	Sep. 19		Detection of cyber attacks against defense industry	Jan. 31	Japan-Australia ACSA enters into force	
	Mar. 26	ROK naval patrol ship "Cheonan" sank in the Yellow Sea by a torpedo attack from a North Korean submarine	Sep. 27		Japan-Philippines Summit Meeting (Tokyo), Japan-Philippines joint statement made	Jan. 31	Partial enforcement (regarding Japan-Australia ACSA) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	
	Mar. 26	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (new establishment of the 15th Bridge and reorganization of the Youth Technical School)	Sep. 29		Chinese space laboratory "Tiangong 1" launched	Feb. 01	Partial enforcement (regarding pilot allowance) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	
	Apr. 01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of GSDF students)	Sep. 30		Cabinet decisions adopted on "Promotion of the operational Quasi-Zenith Satellite System project" and "Promoting development and utilization of aerospace"	Feb. 07	Russian fighters intrude into Japan's territorial airspace	
	Apr. 06	U.S. announces "Nuclear Posture Review" (NPR)	Oct. 10		ATR to Guam as part of the U.S. Forces realignment (through October 28)	Feb. 12	North Korea's underground nuclear test	
	Apr. 12	1st Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C., through April 13)	Oct. 11		Supreme Court renders judgement in 1st Futenma Air Station noise suit	Feb. 20	Naha District Court renders judgment on Henoko environmental assessment case	
	May 01	Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to foot and mouth disease in Miyazaki Prefecture (through July 27)	Oct. 24		Signing and entry into force of the Japan-France Information Security Agreement	Feb. 23	Meeting between U.S. President Obama and Prime Minister Abe	
	May 19	Signing of Japan-Australia ACSA	Oct. 31		NATO ends operations in Libya	Mar. 01	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on participation of Japan's industries in the production of the F-35A	
	May 23	The MOD/SDF dispatches units to the Pacific Partnership 2010 for the first time (through July 15)	Nov. 15		Cabinet decision adopted on dispatch of SDF personnel as headquarters staff for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) (departing Japan on November 28)	Mar. 15	SDF dispatch for the MINUSTAH mission ended (ceremony to return unit flag)	
	May 26	Enactment of the "Act on the Preservation of the Law-Water Line and Development of Basic Infrastructure of Remote Islands for the Maintaining and Promoting Utilization of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf"	Nov. 22	Six Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	Mar. 22	Entry into force of Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement		
May 27	U.S. announces "National Security Strategy" (NSS)	Dec. 18	Completion of U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq	Mar. 26	Partial enforcement (regarding shift of Air Rescue Wing's affiliation) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.			
May 28	Joint Statement of Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2")	Dec. 20	Decision made by the Security Council and seconded by the Cabinet regarding "acquisition of the next-generation fighter aircraft"	Mar. 30	Four Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean			
Jun. 08	Kan Cabinet established	Dec. 20	Cabinet Decision on dispatching engineer units, etc. for United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (deployed from January 11, 2012) (Operation completed on May 31, 2017)	Apr. 02	North Korea announces that it will readjust and restart the graphite moderated reactor that was mothballed and disabled under an agreement reached at the Six-Party Talks			
Jun. 09	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 1929 regarding additional sanction on Iran	Dec. 27	Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary on Guidelines for Overseas Transfer of Defense Equipment, etc.	Apr. 26	Cabinet decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"			
Jun. 25	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-Nato Information Security Agreement	Dec. 28	Environmental impact statement for the Futenma Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture (through January 6, 2012)	May 07	Two Chinese vessels sail northeast of the Yonaguni Island to the Pacific Ocean			
Jun. 28	Release of the U.S. "National Space Policy" (NSP)	2012	Jan. 11	1st Advance unit for UNMISS starts departing Japan	May 27	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		
Jul. 01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of the job status of SDF recruits)		Jan. 13	Inauguration of reshuffled Noda Cabinet; Tanaka becomes Minister of Defense	Jul. 04	Signing of the Japan-U.K. Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Arms and Military Technologies and the Japan-U.K. Information Security Agreement		
Jul. 13	Cabinet decision adopted on "Act on the Preservation of the Law-Water Line and Development of Basic Infrastructure of Remote Islands for Maintaining and Promoting Utilization of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf"		Feb. 10	Establishment of the Reconstruction Agency	Jul. 05	China-Russia first joint naval exercise "Naval Interaction 2013" (through July 11)		
Jul. 29	Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 1st and 2nd Futenma Air Station noise suits		Mar. 16	Chinese government ship "Haijian" enters Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands	Jul. 13	Chinese naval fleets sail through Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk		
Aug. 31	Air transport activities by helicopter in aid of flood disaster in Pakistan (through October 10)		Mar. 26	Transfer of ASDF Air Defense Command to Yokota Air Base	Jul. 22	China Coast Guard sign put up		
Sep. 07	Chinese fishing boat collides with Japan Coast Guard patrol vessel in waters near the Senkaku Islands		Mar. 27	Prime Minister Noda attends the Nuclear Security Summit	Jul. 24	Chinese early warning aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and the Miyako Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean for the first time		
Sep. 10	Cabinet decision adopted on dispatch of SDF officers as key military contact personnel (military observers) to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (dispatched on September 27)		Mar. 30	SDF action order for implementation of destruction measures against ballistic missiles is issued (terminated April 13)	Aug. 21	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean		
Sep. 17	Inauguration of reshuffled Kan Cabinet		Apr. 13	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "Satellite"	Aug. 22	Russian bombers intrude into Japan's airspace		
Oct. 01	Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (abolition of the lowest enlisted ranks)		Apr. 13	Kim Jong-un becomes the First Chairman of the National Defense Commission	Aug. 27	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		
Nov. 01	Russian President Medvedev visits the Kunashiri Island		Apr. 17	Ten-month extension of SDF dispatch to support the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) (through February 28, 2013)	Aug. 30	"Direction of the MOD Reform" released		
Nov. 23	North Korea shells the ROK's Yeonpyeong Island				Sep. 08	Chinese bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island		
				Sep. 09	Unmanned aircraft (presumed) of unidentified nationality flies over the East China Sea			



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2013	Sep. 10	1st meeting of MOD/SDF Special Action Committee on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games held	2014	Aug. 8-	U.S. Central Command begins airstrikes on ISIL in Northern Iraq	2015	Jul. 29	China's intelligence gathering aircraft, early warning aircraft, and two bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (July 30)		
	Sep. 27	U.N. Security Council adopts Resolution 2118 on elimination of Syrian chemical weapons		Aug. 12	Russian Armed Forces conduct exercises in the Northern Territories and Chishima Islands		Jul. 30	Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 6th, 7th and administrative 1st and 2nd Atsugi Air Facility noise suits		
	Oct. 03	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2", Tokyo)		Aug. 19	Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to U.S. Forces' patrol aircraft		Aug. 17	Seven Chinese vessels sail Tushima Strait northward. Subsequently, China-Russia naval combined exercise, Joint Sea 2015 (II), is held (Sea of Japan) (August 20-28). Following the exercise, five vessels sail Soya Strait eastward (August 29), sail in the high seas in the Bering Sea (statement by U.S. DoD official, September 2), and enter into U.S. territorial waters near the Aleutian Islands (statement by U.S. DoD official, September 4).		
	Oct. 03	Signing of the "Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam"		Aug. 20	Disaster relief teams dispatched for lifesaving activities in Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture (through September 11)		Aug. 20	Shelling incident occurs between North Korea and the ROK		
	Oct. 16	Disaster relief teams dispatched after Typhoon No. 26 (through November 8)		Aug. 28	MOD formulates "Basic Policy Relating to the Development and Use of Space (revised)"		Aug. 22	Russian Prime Minister Medvedev visits Etorofu Island		
	Oct. 23	Five Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean		Sep. 01	Japan-India summit meeting (Tokyo); "Tokyo Declaration for Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership"		Aug. 26	Signing of agreement on the resolution of the conflict in South Sudan		
	Oct. 30	Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean		Sep. 03	Eto becomes Minister of Defense		Sep. 15	Presumed Russian aircraft intrudes into Japanese territorial airspace over the coast of the Nemuro Peninsula		
	Nov. 12	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to typhoon disaster in the Philippines (through December 18)		Sep. 03	2nd Reshuffled Abe Cabinet is established		Sep. 19	Legislation for Peace and Security ("Bill for the Development of Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Bill") is passed in the House of Councillors plenary session		
	Nov. 15	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) decides on detailed terms of the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, etc.		Sep. 10	U.S. President Obama announces strategy to counter ISIL		Sep. 28	Signing of the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Stewardship Relating to the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, Supplementary to the Status of U.S. Forces Agreement (SOFJA)		
	Nov. 22	Revisions of the Self-Defense Forces Act (e.g., expanded category of people who may be transported by the JSDF, in the event of disasters, insurgencies, and other emergencies overseas) promulgated and entered into force		Sep. 22-	The United States and other coalition countries begin airstrikes on ISIL in Syria		Oct. 01	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (unification of actual unit operations into Joint Staff, establishment of Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency, etc.)		
	Nov. 23	China announces establishment of the "East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone"		Sep. 26	Prime Minister Abe attends U.N. Summit Meeting on UN Peacekeeping Operations (New York)		Oct. 01	Technical Research and Development Institute and Equipment Procurement and Construction Office are abolished; Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency is established		
	Nov. 24	Iran and EU3 (U.K., France, Germany) +3 (U.S., China, Russia) reach first phase agreement for the comprehensive settlement of the nuclear issue		Sep. 27	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the eruption of Mt. Ontake (through October 16)		Oct. 03	Shooting attack in Bangladesh (one Japanese national is killed; ISIL Bangladesh claims responsibility for the attack in a statement)		
	Dec. 04	National Security Council established		Sep. 29	Afghanistan's new government is launched		Oct. 07	Inauguration of the third reshuffled Abe Cabinet		
	Dec. 08	The ROK announces establishment of new Air Defense Identification Zone		Oct. 26	Air Review commemorating the 60th anniversary of the MOD/SDF		Oct. 15	Iwakuni Branch of Yamaguchi District Court renders judgment in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Iwakuni Air Base noise suits		
	Dec. 13	Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets promulgated		Nov. 16	Candidate Onaga defeats incumbent Governor Nakaima in Okinawa gubernatorial election		Oct. 26	U.S. naval destroyer USS Lassen sails within 12 nautical miles of Subi Reef, Spratly Islands in the South China Sea and conducts Freedom of Navigation Operation		
	Dec. 14	Chinese lunar probe successfully achieves soft lunar landing		Nov. 21	"Global Hawk" is decided as the model of unmanned aerial vehicle		Oct. 27	Cabinet verbal understanding regarding "Revocation of reclamation approval based on the Act on Reclamation of Publicly-owned Water Surface pertaining to the Futenna Replacement Facility construction project"		
	Dec. 17	National Security Council and Cabinet decisions adopted on "National Security Strategy," "National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2014 and beyond," and "Medium Term Defense Program (FY2014-FY2018)"		Nov. 24	ROK Armed Forces conduct military drill in waters near Takeshima		Oct. 28	Written notice regarding start of construction work related to Futenna Replacement Facility construction project is submitted to Okinawa Prefecture		
	Dec. 23	Three Chinese vessels sail southwest of the main island of Okinawa to the Pacific Ocean		Nov. 28	Transport of supplies necessary for Japan Disaster Relief operations in response to the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa (Republic of Ghana, through December 11)		Nov. 11	A Chinese Navy AGI repeatedly conducts east-west passages near the contiguous zone south of the Senkaku Islands (through November 12)		
	Dec. 23	Second Russian Borey-class SSBN commissioned (incorporated into Pacific Fleet)		Dec. 01	SDF personnel dispatched to NATO for the first time		Nov. 26	Suit is instituted for "Case regarding retraction order request for revocation of the landfill permit based on provisions of Article 245-8, Paragraph 3 of the Local Autonomy Act" ("administrative suit")		
	Dec. 27	Governor of Okinawa Prefecture approves application for public water reclamation for the Futenna Replacement Facility construction project		Dec. 04	Five Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean		Nov. 27	China's four bombers and intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (Air Force spokesperson of China announces flight by PLA Air Force aircraft). At around the same time, four bombers and early warning aircraft conduct operations near the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island.		
	2014	Jan. 01		Entry into force of the Japan-U.K. Information Security Agreement	Dec. 24		Arms Trade Treaty comes into effect	Dec. 04	Japan-U.S. Joint Press Release "Implementation of Bilateral Plans for Consolidating Facilities and Areas in Okinawa"	
		Jan. 07		National Security Secretariat launched	Dec. 26		Deployment of U.S. Forces TPY-2 ("X-band radar") to Kyogamisaki is completed	Dec. 07	Three Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean	
		Jan. 15		Collision accident between transport vessel and fishing vessel in the Hiroshima Bay	Dec. 31		Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to disappearance of AirAsia plane (through January 11)	Dec. 12	Japan-India Agreement Concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed (New Delhi)	
		Jan. 22		Committee for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of Bases on Okinawa established	2015		Jan. 02	ISIL releases video of Japanese hostages (videos of the murder of the Japanese nationals subsequently released on January 24 and February 1)	Dec. 12	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-India General Security of Military Information Agreement
		Feb. 14		Council for Promoting the Mitigation of the Impact of MCAS Futenna on Okinawa established			Jan. 09	"Basic Plan on Space Policy" is decided by the Strategic Headquarters for Space Development	Dec. 13	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
		Mar. 01		Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean			Jan. 21	First Japan-U.K. Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting (London)	Dec. 26	A China Coast Guard vessel carrying weapons that appear to be cannons intrudes into Japanese territorial waters surrounding the Senkaku Islands for the first time
		Mar. 03		North Korea launches two ballistic missiles			Feb. 06	The United States releases "National Security Strategy" (NSS)	Dec. 31	Russia revises National Security Strategy
Mar. 11		Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to the missing Malaysian Airplane (through April 28)	Feb. 12	Minsk agreement II (German, French, Russian, and Ukrainian leaders agree on new ceasefire agreement)		2016	Jan. 06	North Korea conducts fourth nuclear test which it called a "hydrogen bomb test"		
Mar. 18		Russian "annexation" of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea	Feb. 13	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean			Jan. 11	Chinese Ministry of National Defense announces organizational realignment of the Central Military Commission (dismantlement of four general departments, CMC's introduction of multiple section system)		
Mar. 19		A submarine seen navigating underwater in Japan's contiguous zone (waters east of Miyako Island)	Feb. 14	China's intelligence gathering aircraft flies between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean (February 15)			Jan. 26	Two Russian bombers conduct flight along the perimeter of Japan		
Mar. 24		Prime Minister Abe attends 3rd Nuclear Security Summit (Hague, through March 25)	Mar. 02	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles			Jan. 30	A U.S. naval destroyer sails within 12 nautical miles of Triton Island, Paracel Islands in the South China Sea and conducts Freedom of Navigation Operation		
Mar. 26		North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	Mar. 13	Japan-France Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed (Tokyo)			Jan. 31	China's intelligence gathering aircraft and early warning aircraft pass Tushima Strait for the first time through to the Sea of Japan		
Apr. 01		Partial enforcement (establishment of Faculty of Nursing at National Defense Medical College) of partially amended laws, including the Self-Defense Forces Act, etc.	Apr. 21	National Defense Medical College instructor dispatched to support WHO's epidemiological studies on the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa, etc. (through May 29)			Feb. 01	Chinese Ministry of National Defense dismantles seven Military Regions and announces the establishment of five theaters of operations		
Apr. 01		Cabinet decision adopted on "Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology"	Apr. 27	Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched in response to earthquake in Nepal (through May 22)			Feb. 02	Four Chinese vessels sail through Tsugaru Strait to the Pacific Ocean		
Apr. 28		U.S. and Philippines sign Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA)	Apr. 27	The new "Guidelines for Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation" is approved at the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee meeting ("2+2", New York)			Feb. 04	A Chinese Navy AGI conducts round-trip northeast-southwest passages near the contiguous zone southeast of the Boso Peninsula (through February 8)		
May 02		Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	Apr. 30	Promulgation and enforcement of the Special Measures Act on the Number of Years of the National Subsidization of Specific Defense Procurements (so-called "Long-term Contract Act")			Feb. 07	North Korea launches a ballistic missile disguised as a "satellite"		
May 07		Collision and confrontation between Chinese and Vietnamese vessels occur (through mid-July)	May 09	North Korea announces SLBM launch test was conducted successfully			Feb. 16	Locations of equipment deemed to be surface-to-air missile in Woody Island, Paracel Islands are confirmed		
May 14		"Protocol to amend the agreement concerning the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps from Okinawa to Guam" comes into force	May 14	Cabinet decision on "Bill for the Development of Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Bill"			Mar. 04	The government announces it would accept the court's settlement recommendation in the "Case regarding retraction order request for cancellation of the reclamation permit based on provisions of Article 245-8, Paragraph 3 of the Local Autonomy Act" ("administrative substitute execution suit") and suspends landfill work (Futenna Replacement Facility construction project)		
May 15		The Advisory Panel on Reconstruction of the Legal Basis for Security submits its report	May 14	Cabinet decisions on "Responses to Foreign Naval Vessels Carrying Out Navigation through the Territorial Sea or the Internal Waters of Japan that Does Not Fall Under Innocent Passage in International Law," "The Government's Responses to Illegal Landing on a Remote Island or its Surrounding Seas by an Armed Group," and "Responses to Acts of Infringement When Self-Defense Force Ships or Aircraft Detect Foreign Ships Committing Said Acts Against Japanese Private Ships on the High Seas"			Mar. 10	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles		
May 21		Yokohama District Court renders judgement in 6th, 7th, and administrative 1st and 2nd Atsugi Air Base noise suits	May 21	Two Chinese bombers fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island to the Pacific Ocean (Air Force spokesperson announces first flight by Chinese Air Force aircraft in this airspace)			Mar. 18	North Korea launches a ballistic missile		
May 24		Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft	May 26	China releases defense white paper, "China's Military Strategy"			Mar. 22	Terror bombing attacks occur in Brussels, Belgium		
Jun. 07		Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	May 31	Dispatched MSDF personnel as commander of Combined Task Force (CTF-151) for counter-piracy operations (through August 27)			Mar. 28	Two Chinese vessels sail through Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean		
Jun. 11		Japan-Australia "2+2" (Tokyo)	Jun. 11	Naha District Court's Okinawa Branch renders judgment in 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th Futenna Air Station noise suits			Mar. 28	Establishment of Camp Yonaguni		
Jun. 11		Chinese fighter jets fly abnormally close to SDF aircraft	Jun. 12	Two Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean						
Jun. 19		Strategy on Defense Production and Technological Bases released	Jul. 01	U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dempsey releases National Military Strategy						
Jun. 21		Partial enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (response to early retirement system)	Jul. 03	Disaster relief teams dispatched to support search of missing persons in Mt. Ontake (through August 7)						
Jun. 29		North Korea launches two ballistic missiles	Jul. 18	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean						
Jun. 29		ISIL declares establishment of "Islamic State" and caliphate								
Jul. 01		Cabinet decision adopted on "Development of Seamless Security Legislation to Ensure Japan's Survival and Protect its People"								
Jul. 08		Japan-Australia Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology is signed								
Jul. 09		North Korea launches two ballistic missiles								
Jul. 13		North Korea launches two ballistic missiles								
Jul. 25		Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (establishment of Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs)								
Jul. 26	North Korea launches a ballistic missile									
Aug. 01	Enforcement of the Law for Partial Amendment of the Ministry of Defense Establishment Law (quota for SDF personnel posts of Internal Bureau, establishment of Air Tactics Development & Training Wing, etc.)									

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2016	Mar. 29	Enforcement of Legislation for Peace and Security ("Act for the Development of the Legislation for Peace and Security" and "International Peace Support Act")
	Mar. 31	Nuclear Security Summit (Washington, D.C.) (through April 1)
	Apr. 07	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr. 08	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr. 14	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake (through May 30)
	Apr. 15	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Apr. 17	Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through May 9)
	Apr. 20	China's early warning aircraft flies between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island through to the Pacific Ocean
	Apr. 23	North Korea launches an SLBM
	Apr. 28	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Apr. 28	Alleged murder case involving a civilian component member of the USFJ in Okinawa Prefecture
	Apr. 29	Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan is established
	May 10	A U.S. destroyer sails within 12 nautical miles of Fiery Cross Reef, Spratly Islands in the South China Sea as part of the "Freedom of Navigation Operation"
	May 17	A Chinese PLA fighter jet flies abnormally close to a U.S. Navy reconnaissance aircraft over the South China Sea
	May 22	U.S. President Obama visits Vietnam (through May 25), fully lifts arms embargo on Vietnam
	May 31	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Jun. 07	A Chinese PLA fighter jet conducts dangerous flight, approaching a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance aircraft at a high speed over the East China Sea
	Jun. 09	A Chinese naval combatant vessel enters the contiguous zone near the Senkaku Islands for the first time
	Jun. 15	A Chinese naval intelligence gathering vessel sails in Japan's territorial waters near Kuchinoerabu Island and Yakushima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture and then sails within Japan's contiguous zone north of Kitadaito Island. Subsequently, the vessel repeatedly conducts east-west passages outside the contiguous zone near the Senkaku Islands. (June 19 through 20)
	Jun. 16	Five Chinese naval vessels sail between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Jun. 20	Ten Russian vessels pass through the Soya Strait and move to the Okhotsk Sea.
	Jun. 22	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Jul. 2	Bangladeshi militants take hostages (7 Japanese nationals are killed); ISIL claims responsibility on the Internet
	Jul. 8	The U.S. and ROK decide on the deployment of THAAD to U.S. Forces Korea
	Jul. 9	North Korea launches a submarine-launched ballistic missile
	Jul. 11	ASDF aircraft dispatched to Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to transport Japanese nationals overseas due to the situation deterioration in South Sudan (through July 26)
	Jul. 12	The arbitral tribunal renders a final award in which nearly all of the Philippines' submissions are ruled in favor of the Philippines with regard to arbitral proceedings pursuant to the South China Sea
	Jul. 15	Terror attack with a truck occurs in Nice, France
	Jul. 18	Chinese Air Force announces that it will be conducting combat patrol in the South China Sea on a regular basis
	Jul. 19	North Korea launches three ballistic missiles
	Aug. 3	2nd Reshuffled 3rd Abe Cabinet is established
	Aug. 3	Inada becomes Minister of Defense
	Aug. 3	North Korea launches two ballistic missiles (one of them fell into Japan's EEZ)
	Aug. 5	200 to 300 Chinese fishing vessels operate in the waters near the Senkaku Islands. Chinese government vessels intrude into Japan's territorial waters following the fishing vessels for the first time (total of 15 vessels in 5 days / through August 9)
	Aug. 12	Three Chinese naval vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Aug. 18	A Chinese early warning aircraft and two bombers fly over Tsushima and advance to the Sea of Japan
	Aug. 24	North Korea launches a submarine-launched ballistic missile
	Aug. 30	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall due to Typhoon 10 in Iwate Prefecture (through September 16)
	Aug. 31	Disaster relief teams dispatched after the heavy rainfall due to Typhoon 10 in Hokkaido (through September 18)
	Sep. 05	North Korea launches three ballistic missiles (fell into Japan's EEZ)
	Sep. 09	North Korea conducts its fifth nuclear test
	Sep. 12	First training relocation involves Tilt-Rotor/Rotary wing aircraft outside of Okinawa Prefecture in the context of the realignment of the U.S. Forces (through October 5)
	Sep. 25	Four Chinese bombers, two intelligence gathering aircraft, and two fighter jets (probable) pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean (fighter jets [probable] are observed for the first time passing)
	Oct. 15	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Oct. 20	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
	Oct. 20	Three Chinese naval vessels pass through the Osumi Strait and advance to the Pacific Ocean
	Oct. 21	A U.S. destroyer sails around the Parcel Islands in the South China Sea as part of the "Freedom of Navigation Operation"
Oct. 27	China's early warning aircraft and intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean	
Oct. 28	Signing and entry into force of the Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Information Sharing Arrangement	
Nov. 01	Cabinet Decision regarding changes to the procedures for responding to piracy (reducing the number of ships to engage in counter-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden from two to one)	
Nov. 15	Cabinet Decision on changes in the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)" (mission of "kakettsuke-keigo" was added)	

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2016	Nov. 18	The Russian Forces announces the deployment of surface-to-ship missile on the islands of Etorofu and Kunashiri	
	Nov. 23	Signing and entry into force of Japan-ROK General Security of Military Information Agreement	
	Nov. 25	Two bombers, two intelligence gathering aircraft, and two fighter jets fly over the sky between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island (four aircraft except the fighter jets fly from the south of Sakishima Islands)	
	Dec. 01	Japan-France defense equipment and technology agreement takes effect	
	Dec. 10	Two Chinese fighter jets, two bombers, and two intelligence gathering aircraft fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island (four aircraft except the fighter jets fly toward the Bashi Channel)	
	Dec. 22	The implementation Guidelines for Article 95-2 of the SDF Law (decided by the National Security Council)	
	Dec. 22	Transition to the joint production and deployment phases of advanced interceptor missiles for BMD (SM-3 Block IIA) (decided at the National Security Council)	
	Dec. 25	Six Chinese naval vessels including an aircraft carrier sail between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance into the Pacific Ocean (first time a Chinese aircraft carrier is observed sailing into the Pacific Ocean)	
	Dec. 26	Governor of Okinawa Onaga withdraws his cancellation of the reclamation approval (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	
	Dec. 27	"China's Space Activities in 2016" is released	
	2017	Jan. 09	Six Chinese bombers, an early warning aircraft, and an intelligence gathering aircraft fly over the Tsushima Strait and advance to the Sea of Japan
		Jan. 14	Signing of Japan-Australia Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) (Sydney)
		Jan. 24	Two Russian bombers fly and circle around Japan
		Feb. 08	U.S. Navy P-3 patrol aircraft and Chinese military aircraft fly abnormally close to each other (South China Sea)
		Feb. 12	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
		Mar. 02	A Chinese early warning aircraft, six bombers (probable), and six fighter jets (probable) fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean (total of 13 aircraft, the largest fleet so far)
		Mar. 02	Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and moves to the East China Sea
		Mar. 05	Chinese vessels sail west bound from the Osumi Strait
		Mar. 06	North Korea launches four ballistic missiles (three of them fell into Japan's EEZ)
		Mar. 22	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
		Mar. 23	Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and moves to the East China Sea
		Mar. 27	Transfer of MSDF TC-90 to the Philippines
		Mar. 27	Completion of development of future transport aircraft (XC-2)
		Apr. 02	Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean
		Apr. 05	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
		Apr. 06	U.S. launches strikes on Syria
		Apr. 16	North Korea launches a ballistic missile
Apr. 18		Chinese vessels sail west bound from the Osumi Strait	
Apr. 20		China launches its first unmanned cargo spacecraft "Tianzhou 1"	
Apr. 24		Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean	
Apr. 25		Commencement of seawall construction (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	
Apr. 26		China's first domestically built aircraft carrier is launched	
Apr. 29		North Korea launches a ballistic missile	
May 14		North Korea launches a ballistic missile	
May 18		An object believed to be a small unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) flies over the front of the bridge of a Chinese government ship which is within Japan's territorial waters near the Senkaku Islands	
May 21		North Korea launches a ballistic missile	
May 23		Martial law is declared in Mindanao in the Philippines	
May 24		A U.S. naval destroyer sails within 12 nautical miles of the Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea and conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" (reported)	
May 29		North Korea launches a ballistic missile (fell into Japan's EEZ)	
May 31		Dispatch of SDF units to UNMISS is terminated	
Jul. 01		Establishment of Southwestern Air Defense Force	
Jul. 02		A Chinese naval Dongdao-class intelligence gathering ship sails within Japan's territorial waters near the southwest of Kojima Island, Matsumae Town, Hokkaido	
Jul. 02		A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Triton Island, Parcel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)	
Jul. 04		North Korea launches a ballistic missile (lands in Japan's EEZ)	
Jul. 05		Disaster relief teams dispatched in response to the heavy rain in North Kyushu in July 2017 (through August 20)	
Jul. 05		16 Russian vessels pass through the Soya Strait and move to the Sea of Japan	
Jul. 13		Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance to the Pacific Ocean. Four other bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly toward the East China Sea	
Jul. 15		Two China Coast Guard vessels sail in Japan's territorial waters in the southeast of Tsushima-shimajima (Tsushima City, Nagasaki Prefecture) and north of Okinoshima (Munakata City, Fukuoka Prefecture)	
Jul. 17		Two China Coast Guard vessels sail in Japan's territorial waters in the west-northwest of Henashisaki (Nishisuguru County, Aomori Prefecture) and northeast of Tappizaki (Higashisuguru County, Aomori Prefecture)	
Jul. 20		A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft, an intelligence gathering aircraft and four bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly toward the East China Sea. Four bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and advance from the East China Sea to the Pacific Ocean	
Jul. 24		Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the East China Sea	
Jul. 28		Minister of Defense Kishida came into office	

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2017	Jul. 28	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (lands in Japan's EEZ)
	Aug. 01	China conducts a flag raising ceremony for the Support Base in Djibouti
	Aug. 03	Minister of Defense Onodera came into office
	Aug. 09	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the East China Sea
	Aug. 10	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of the Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea (reported)
	Aug. 12	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft and two bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly toward the East China Sea
	Aug. 13	Two Chinese electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly toward the East China Sea
	Aug. 14	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the East China Sea
	Aug. 17	A car runs into pedestrians in Barcelona, Spain
	Aug. 23	Two Russian bombers fly and circle around Japan
	Aug. 24	Six Chinese bombers, after passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island, fly over the Pacific Ocean in the south of Kyushu and Shikoku, turn around off the Kii Peninsula, and fly to the East China Sea on a similar route (first time for a Chinese aircraft to fly northeast bound after advancing to the Pacific Ocean)
	Aug. 26	MSDF SH-60J helicopter falls into the sea west of Tappizaki, Aomori Prefecture
	Aug. 26	India announces agreement between India and China on disagreement of border personnel at Doklam following the confrontation of their forces
	Aug. 29	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (flies over Japan)
	Sep. 03	North Korea conducts sixth nuclear test which it called a "hydrogen bomb test for ICBM"
	Sep. 15	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (flies over Japan)
	Oct. 01	Shooting in Las Vegas, United States
	Oct. 10	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Parcel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)
	Oct. 11	A U.S. Forces helicopter conducts an emergency landing and catches fire in Higashi-son, Kunigami-gun, Okinawa Prefecture
	Oct. 17	ASDF UH-60J helicopter crashed in the Pacific Ocean south of Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture
	Nov. 11	Three U.S. carrier strike groups conduct joint exercises in the western Pacific (through November 14)
	Nov. 18	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies toward the Bashi Channel
	Nov. 19	Four Chinese bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island from the East China Sea to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island again to fly toward the East China Sea
	Nov. 20	The United States re-designates North Korea as a State Sponsor of Terrorism
	Nov. 23	Four Chinese bombers and an intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island again to fly toward the East China Sea. An intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island via Sakishima Islands in the South Pacific and flies toward the East China Sea
	Nov. 28	Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and moves to the East China Sea
	Nov. 29	North Korea launches a ballistic missile (lands in Japan's EEZ)
	Dec. 05	Chinese vessels sail east bound from the Osumi Strait and advances to the Pacific Ocean
	Dec. 07	A Chinese early warning aircraft and four bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island again
	Dec. 07	A Chinese vessel passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and moves to the East China Sea
	Dec. 09	Four Chinese bombers and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island again to fly toward the East China Sea
	Dec. 09	The Iraqi government declares liberation of all areas from the ISIL
	Dec. 11	Two Chinese bombers, two fighter jets (probable), an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter two fighter jets (probable) turn around and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island again to fly toward the continent. The bombers, electronic warfare aircraft and intelligence gathering aircraft fly toward the Bashi Channel via the south of Sakishima Islands on the Pacific Ocean side
	Dec. 11	President Putin visits Syria and announces withdrawal of the main part of troops (The two bases in Syria will continue daily operation)
	Dec. 13	Fall of a U.S. Forces helicopter window onto Futenma Dai-ni Elementary School in Ginowan City, Okinawa Prefecture
	Dec. 17	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft and two electronic warfare aircrafts pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and fly to the East China Sea
	Dec. 18	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies to the East China Sea
	Dec. 18	The United States releases the National Security Strategy
	Dec. 18	A Chinese Su-30 fighter jet's advance to the Sea of Japan is confirmed for the first time
	Dec. 19	National Security Council and Cabinet approval on the "fundamental improvement in ballistic missile defense capability"
	Dec. 19	The United States denounces North Korea for the cyber attack using malware "WannaCry" in May 2017
	Dec. 20	A Chinese electronic warfare aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyako Island and flies to the East China Sea



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2018	Jan. 09	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jan. 12	Japan-Estonia Summit Meeting (Tallinn)	Jan. 09	North-South High Level Official's Meeting
	Jan. 09	FY2017 Japan-U.S. joint exercise (command post exercise) (through February 3)	Jan. 13	Japan-Latvia Summit Meeting (Riga)	Jan. 10	A Chinese submerged submarine enters Japan's contiguous zone near Miyakojima Island and Taisho Island (through January 11)
	Jan. 21	Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 18 (through February 23)	Jan. 13	Japan-Lithuania Summit Meeting (Vilnius)	Jan. 11	A Chinese vessel enters Japan's contiguous zone near Taisho Island
	Jan. 15	Japan-Spain Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 14	Japan-Bulgaria Summit Meeting (Sofia)	Jan. 17	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea (reported)
	Jan. 26	Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	Jan. 15	Japan-Serbia Summit Meeting (Belgrade)	Jan. 19	The U.S. National Defense Strategy is released
	Jan. 26	Deployment of the first F-35A at ASDF Misawa Air Base	Jan. 16	Japan-Romania Summit Meeting (Bucharest)	Jan. 29	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes Tsushima Strait and advances to the Sea of Japan from the East China Sea
	Jan. 27	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 18	Japan-Australia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 29	A Chinese vessel sails Tsushima Strait northward and after advancing to the Sea of Japan temporarily, sails the strait southward
	Jan. 29	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Sado City, Niigata Prefecture (through February 2)	Feb. 02	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 31	U.S. President Trump delivers the State of the Union address
	Jan. 30	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Wajima City, Ishikawa Prefecture (through February 2)	Feb. 06	Japan-Germany Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 02	The United States releases the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR)
	Feb. 06	Disaster relief in response to heavy snow in Fukui Prefecture (through February 10)	Feb. 07	U.S. Vice President Pence pays courtesy visit to Prime Minister Abe	Feb. 05	Maldives declares a state of emergency
	Feb. 14	Cope North 2018 exercise program (through February 21) (Guam)	Feb. 09	Japan-ROK Summit Meeting (PyeongChang)	Feb. 08	North Korea conducts a military parade
	Feb. 15	Disaster relief to help remove snow in Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture (through February 18)	Feb. 14	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 09	PyeongChang Olympics (through February 25)
	Feb. 16	State Minister of Defense Yamamoto attends the Munich Security Conference (through February 18)	Feb. 14	Japan-Norway Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 10	Sri Lanka declares a state of emergency
	Feb. 16	Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)"	Feb. 20	U.S. military aircraft throws away a fuel tank into Lake Ogawara in Tohoku Town, Kamikita Country, Aomori Prefecture	Feb. 14	South African President Zuma resigns
	Feb. 21	Disaster relief for collection of fuel, etc. in Tohoku Town, Kamikita Country, Aomori Prefecture (through March 7)	Feb. 23	Japan-Chile Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 15	Ethiopian Prime Minister resigns
	Feb. 26	Japan-ASEAN HA/DR Invitation Program (Kanto Region) (through March 2)	Mar. 06	Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 15	The United States and other countries denounce Russia for a large scale of damage caused by ransomware "Not Petya" in June 2017
	Mar. 26	Transfer of MSDF's five TC-90 training aircraft to the Philippines completed	Mar. 09	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 16	Ethiopia declares a state of emergency
	Mar. 27	22nd Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo Defense Forum) (Tokyo) (through March 28)	Mar. 13	Naha District Court renders judgement regarding the demand of an injunctive order for actions that crush the reef, etc. (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	Feb. 23	U.S.-Australia Summit Meeting
	Mar. 27	Establishment of the Ground Component Command and the Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, and first reorganization to rapid deployment divisions/brigades	Mar. 14	Japan-Sri Lanka Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 26	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through February 28)
	Apr. 06	Launch of X-band communications satellite "Kiramek1"	Mar. 15	Japan-Germany Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 27	A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft's passage of Tsushima Strait Western Channel is confirmed for the first time
	Apr. 09	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 23	Okinawa Prefectural Government appeals against the judgement of the Naha District Court to the Naha Branch of the Fukuoka High Court (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	Mar. 01	Russian President Putin introduces new weapons at the annual presidential address
	Apr. 09	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Oda City, Shimane Prefecture (through April 11)	Mar. 31	Return of the land at Makiminato Service Area adjacent to Route 58	Mar. 05	1st session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) (through March 20)
	Apr. 11	Disaster relief for rescue operations in response to the landslide in Nakatsu City, Oita Prefecture (through April 23)	Apr. 05	Japan-Iraq Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 05	ROK special envoys visit North Korea and meet with Chairman Kim Jong-un
	Apr. 20	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Apr. 11	Japan-Bhutan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 09	PyeongChang Paralympics (through March 18)
	Apr. 22	Signing of the Japan-Canada Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	Apr. 12	Japan-Switzerland Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Mar. 18	President Putin is re-elected as president (4th term)
	Apr. 29	Disaster relief to provide water supply supports in Itrabujima, Miyakojima City, Okinawa Prefecture (through May 2)	Apr. 17	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Florida)	Mar. 18	The Turkish government announces taking control of Afrin, Syria
	May 04	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting	Apr. 17	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 23	Four Chinese bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter turn around, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again and fly to the continent. At the same time, two fighter jets (probable) fly between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island from the East China Sea
	May 06	Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting	Apr. 29	Japan-ROK Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 23	Hostage siege in Trèbes, south of France
	May 09	Defense authorities of Japan and China sign the Memorandum on the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism	Apr. 30	Japan-UAE Summit Meeting (Abu Dhabi)	Mar. 23	A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of the Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea (reported)
	May 10	Signing of the Memorandum on Defence Cooperation and Exchanges between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of the United Arab Emirates	May 01	Japan-Jordan Summit Meeting (Jordan)	Mar. 25	Chairman Kim Jong-un of North Korea visits China (through March 28)
	May 10	2nd Japan-ASEAN Ship Rider Cooperation Program (Indonesia-Malaysia) (through May 15)	May 01	Japan-Palestine Summit Meeting (Palestine)	Mar. 26	China-North Korea Summit Meeting
	May 15	Cabinet Decision adopted on "Basic Plan on Ocean Policy"	May 02	Japan-Israel Summit Meeting (Israel)	Mar. 26	Presidential election in Egypt
	May 18	Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)"	May 04	Japan-China Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 05	Three Chinese vessels pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean
	May 21	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 09	Japan-China-ROK Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Apr. 10	An aircraft that appears to be a Chinese unmanned aircraft vehicle (BZK-005) flies over the East China Sea (within Japan's air defense identification zone)
	May 22	Participation in the Pacific Partnership 2018 (through June 2)	May 10	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 12	China conducts a naval review on the South China Sea
	May 29	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hawaii)	May 15	Japan-Samoa Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Apr. 14	The United States, United Kingdom and France conduct military operations against facilities related to chemical weapons in Syria
	Jun. 02	Defense Minister Onodera attends the 17th Shangri-La Dialogue (hosted by IIS) (through June 3)	May 16	Japan-Fiji Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Apr. 14	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 02	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	May 18	Prime Minister Abe attends the 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (Fukushima) (through May 19)	Apr. 18	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 02	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	May 24	Prime Minister Abe visits Russia (through May 26)	Apr. 19	Two Chinese bombers, two fighter jets (probable), an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and thereafter the two bombers, an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 02	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	May 25	Japan-France Summit Meeting (St. Petersburg)	Apr. 20	North Korea announces a halt to "nuclear test and intercontinental ballistic rocket test-fire" and abolishment of nuclear test sites
	Jun. 02	Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	May 26	Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (Moscow)	Apr. 20	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 02	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	May 28	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 20	A flight of carrier-based fighter jets (probable) of the Chinese aircraft carrier "Liaoning" over the Pacific Ocean is confirmed for the first time
	Jun. 03	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 07	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Apr. 21	Seven Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning" pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advance to the East China Sea
	Jun. 03	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 08	Prime Minister Abe attends the G7 Summit in Charlevoix (through June 9)	Apr. 24	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through April 29)
	Jun. 03	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 08	Japan-Germany Summit Meeting (Charlevoix)	Apr. 26	Two Chinese bombers, two fighter jets (probable), an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. The two fighter jets (probable) turn around and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again to fly toward the continent. The two bombers, an electronic warfare aircraft and an intelligence gathering aircraft fly toward the Bashi Channel
	Jun. 08	Launch of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense Authorities of Japan and China	Jun. 08	Japan-U.K. Summit Meeting (Charlevoix)	Apr. 27	The Inter-Korean Summit Meeting, Panmunjom Declaration agreement
	Jun. 14	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jun. 08	Japan-Italy Summit Meeting (Charlevoix)	Apr. 28	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes Tsushima Strait and advances to the Sea of Japan from the East China Sea
Jun. 18	Disaster relief in response to Northern Osaka Prefecture Earthquake (through June 26)	Jun. 08	Japan-Canada Summit Meeting (Charlevoix)	May 08	China-North Korea Summit Meeting	
Jun. 19	FY2018 Joint Exercise for Rescue (JXR) (through June 22)	Jun. 11	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	May 08	U.S. President Trump announces withdrawal from the nuclear agreement with Iran	
Jun. 29	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 12	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	May 11	Two Chinese bombers and two fighter jets (probable) pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter, the two fighter jets (probable) turn around and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again to fly toward the continent. Two bombers fly toward the Bashi Channel. Two bombers, an intelligence gathering aircraft and an electronic warfare aircraft pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island from the Pacific Ocean in the direction of the Bashi Channel and move to the East China Sea	
Jul. 06	Disaster relief in response to July 2018 Flooding Disaster (through August 18)	Jul. 17	Japan-EU Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	May 12	Attack occurs near the Paris Opera House in the center of Paris, France	
Jul. 11	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel in response to July 2018 Flooding Disaster	Aug. 01	Japan-Malta Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	May 13	Terror attacks by suicide bombers occur in churches in Surabaya, Indonesia	
Jul. 11	Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through July 31)	Aug. 02	Japan-Saint Vincent Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	May 13	China conducts the first sea trial of its first domestic aircraft carrier (through May 18)	
Jul. 13	Signing of the Japan-France Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	Aug. 07	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	May 18	A Chinese bomber and other aircraft conduct a takeoff and landing training in the South China Sea (pointed out as Woody Island, the Paracel Islands)	
Jul. 31	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Moscow)	Sep. 05	Japan-Ecuador Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	May 21	The United States releases a new Iran strategy	
Jul. 31	Japan-Russia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Moscow)	Sep. 10	Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (Vladivostok)	May 25	Two Chinese bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island through to the East China Sea	
Aug. 06	Disaster relief to provide water and food in Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture (through August 8)	Sep. 11	Japan-Mongolia Summit Meeting (Vladivostok)	May 26	The Inter-Korean Summit Meeting	
Aug. 10	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Sep. 12	Japan-China Summit Meeting (Vladivostok)	May 27	A U.S. naval destroyer and cruiser conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)	
Aug. 10	Disaster relief to search for missing aircraft near Mt. Kusatsu-Shirane, Gunma Prefecture (through August 11)	Sep. 24	Japan-Turkey Summit Meeting (New York)	Jun. 03	A Chinese vessel passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and advances to the Pacific Ocean	
Aug. 20	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Delhi)	Sep. 25	Japan-ROK Summit Meeting (New York)	Jun. 04	A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean and after flying toward the Bashi Channel, it turns around and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again	
		Sep. 26	Japan-Iran Summit Meeting (New York)	Jun. 04	A Chinese vessel passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and moves to the East China Sea	
		Oct. 05	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (New York)	Jun. 12	U.S.-North Korea Summit Meeting	
		Oct. 08	Japan-Tajikistan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 17	A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean	
		Oct. 08	Japan-Vietnam Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 18	U.S. DoD announces suspension of the Freedom Guardian exercise	
		Oct. 08	Japan-Cambodia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 19	Chairman Kim Jong-Un visits China (through June 20)	
		Oct. 08	Japan-Laos Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 19	China-North Korea Summit Meeting	
		Oct. 09	10th Japan-Mekong Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 22	U.S. DoD announces suspension of the Korean Marine Exchange Program	
		Oct. 09	Meeting with State Counsellor of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi (Tokyo)	Jun. 23	A Chinese vessel sails northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea	
		Oct. 12	Japan-Lithuania Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 24	A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through June 29)	
		Oct. 16	Japan-Spain Summit Meeting (Madrid)	Jun. 24	Presidential election and general election in Turkey	
		Oct. 17	Japan-France Summit Meeting (Paris)	Jun. 27	Permanent ceasefire agreed in South Sudan	
		Oct. 18	12th ASEM Summit (Brussels) (through October 19)	Jun. 29	A Chinese hospital ship enters Japan's contiguous zone north of Taisho Island, Senkaku Islands	
		Oct. 18	2nd "V4 plus Japan" Summit Meeting (Brussels)	Jun. 29	Relocation of the Headquarters of U.S. Forces Korea from Seoul to Pyeongtaek	
		Oct. 18	Japan-EU Summit Meeting (Brussels)	Jun. 29	U.S. NBC reports that North Korea has increased its production of fuel for nuclear weapons (enriched uranium) at secret sites	
		Oct. 18	Japan-Germany Summit Meeting (Brussels)			
		Oct. 19	Japan-Italy Summit Meeting (Brussels)			
		Oct. 19	Japan-Singapore Summit Meeting (Brussels)			
		Oct. 19	Japan-Australia Summit Meeting (Brussels)			
		Oct. 26	Japan-China Summit Meeting (Beijing)			
		Oct. 29	Japan-India Summit Meeting (Tokyo)			
		Nov. 06	Japan-Malaysia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)			
		Nov. 09	Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk			
		Nov. 14	Japan-ASEAN Summit Meeting (Singapore)			
		Nov. 14	Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (Singapore)			
		Nov. 15	Japan-Singapore Summit Meeting (Singapore)			
		Nov. 15	21st ASEAN+3 Summit Meeting (Singapore)			
		Nov. 15	East Asia Summit (Singapore)			
		Nov. 15	Japan-Indonesia Summit Meeting (Singapore)			
		Nov. 15	Japan-New Zealand Summit Meeting (Singapore)			
		Nov. 15	Japan-Philippines Summit Meeting (Singapore)			
		Nov. 16	Japan-Australia Summit Meeting (Australia)			
		Nov. 17	Japan-Papua New Guinea Summit Meeting (Port Moresby)			
		Nov. 18	APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Port Moresby)			
		Nov. 18	Japan-Chile Summit Meeting (Port Moresby)			



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Aug. 21	Japan-Sri Lanka Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte)	Nov. 18 Japan-Canada Summit Meeting (Port Moresby)	Jul. 01 China Coast Guard is integrated into the People's Armed Police
Sep. 01	FY2018 Exercise for the rescue of Japanese nationals and others overseas (outside Japan) (through September 9)	Nov. 19 Japan-Burkina Faso Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jul. 07 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
Sep. 03	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Nov. 27 Japan-Jordan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jul. 10 ROK Government announces suspension of its independent "Ulchi exercise" in the summer of 2018, followed by suspension of U.S.-ROK joint exercises
Sep. 06	Disaster relief in response to the 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake (through October 14)	Nov. 30 G20 Buenos Aires Summit (Buenos Aires) (through December 1)	Jul. 12 NATO Summit Brussels 2018
Sep. 07	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel in response to the 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake	Nov. 30 Japan-France Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 23 "38 North," a website dedicated to analysis of North Korea, announces the start of dismantlement of the main facility on the satellite launch site in Dongchang-ni. The report on August 22 announces that no new dismantlement activity has been apparent since August 3
Sep. 07	Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through September 24)	Nov. 30 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 27 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
Sep. 09	Japan-ASEAN Defense Vice-Ministerial Forum (Nagoya)	Nov. 30 Japan-India Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Jul. 27 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan
Sep. 11	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 30 Japan-China Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Aug. 03 China announces a successful launch test of its new model of a hypersonic projectile
Sep. 21	Japan-Estonia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 30 Tachikawa Branch of Tokyo District Court renders judgement in 9th and 12th Yokota Air Base noise suits	Aug. 06 Three Chinese vessels sail westbound from the Osumi Strait to the East China Sea
Oct. 02	Minister of Defense Iwaya came into office	Dec. 01 Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Aug. 08 Three Chinese vessels sail eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
Oct. 03	International disaster relief activities in response to the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia (through October 25)	Dec. 01 Japan-U.K. Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Aug. 14 A car attack occurs in London, U.K.
Oct. 10	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Sydney)	Dec. 01 Japan-Turkey Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Aug. 28 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through August 29)
Oct. 10	Japan-Australia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Sydney)	Dec. 01 Japan-EU Summit Meeting (Buenos Aires)	Aug. 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
Oct. 13	FY2018 Tomodachi Rescue Exercise (TRES) Joint Disaster Response Exercise with U.S. Forces (through October 14)	Dec. 02 Japan-Uruguay Summit Meeting (Montevideo)	Aug. 29 14 Russian vessels sail through the Soya Strait and move to the Sea of Okhotsk (through August 30)
Oct. 14	Troop review commemorating the SDF anniversary	Dec. 02 Japan-Paraguay Summit Meeting (Asuncion)	Sep. 01 Two Russian patrol aircraft fly and circle around Japan
Oct. 19	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Dec. 05 Fukuoka High Court renders judgement on a demand for an injunctive order for actions that crush the reef, etc. (Futenma Replacement Facility construction project)	Sep. 01 28 Russian vessels sail through the Soya Strait and moved to the Sea of Japan (through September 2)
Oct. 19	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Dec. 11 Japan-Ghana Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 06 U.S.-India Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2)
Oct. 19	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Dec. 13 Japan-Mongolia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 09 North Korea stages a military parade commemorating the 70th anniversary of its foundation as a nation in Pyongyang, without ICBM or other ballistic missiles
Oct. 20	Japan-ROK Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Dec. 18 Japan-Zambia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 11 Russia starts the exercise phase of a large scale military exercise "Vostok 2018" (through September 17)
Oct. 20	Japan-ASEAN Defense Ministers' Informal Meeting (Singapore)	Dec. 18 National Security Council and Cabinet Decisions on "National Defense Program Guidelines for FY2019 and beyond," and "Medium Term Defense Program (FY2019-FY2023)"	Sep. 12 Government of South Sudan and relevant parties including anti-government forces sign the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict
Oct. 20	5th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (Singapore)		Sep. 14 Inter-Korean Liaison Office opens (Kaesong)
Oct. 24	Disaster relief to provide water supply support in Suo-oshima Town, Yamaguchi Prefecture (through November 7)		Sep. 18 U.S. DoD releases its Cyber Strategy
Oct. 29	Keen Sword19/30FTX (through November 8)		Sep. 18 President of the ROK Moon Jae-in visits North Korea (through September 20)
Dec. 06	Disaster relief for search and rescue of U.S. aircraft crew off the coast of Shikoku (through December 11)		Sep. 18 The Inter-Korean Summit Meeting (through September 19)
Dec. 11	FY2018 Exercise for the rescue of Japanese nationals and others overseas (in Japan) (through December 14)		Sep. 18 Syrian Army accidentally shoots down a Russian aircraft
Dec. 20	Incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft occurs		Sep. 19 Three Russian aircraft, including a fighter, make a long-distance flight over the Sea of Japan (an Su-35 fighter is confirmed through scramble for the first time)
Dec. 25	First disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Seki City, Gifu Prefecture (through December 27)		Sep. 20 U.S. DoD designates the Equipment Development Department of the Central Military Commission of China as a subject to sanctions
Dec. 26	1st annual and experts' meeting of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense Authorities of Japan and China (Beijing)		Sep. 24 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$330 million)
Dec. 28	Footage of the incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft released		Sep. 30 A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Gaven Reefs and Johnson South Reef in the Spratly Islands (reported)
			Sep. 30 A Chinese naval destroyer approaches abnormally close to a U.S. vessel
			Oct. 02 Three Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
			Oct. 02 Inauguration of a new government in Iraq
			Oct. 02 A Saudi Arabian journalist dies in the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Turkey
			Oct. 04 U.S. releases National Strategy for Counterterrorism
			Oct. 19 U.S. and ROK Governments announce suspension of the Vigilant Ace exercise, a joint military exercise scheduled for December 2018
			Oct. 20 President Trump announces an intention to withdraw from the INF Treaty
			Oct. 20 General election in Afghanistan (House of the People)
			Oct. 22 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
			Oct. 22 First ASEAN-China maritime exercise (Zhanjiang) (through October 28)
			Oct. 25 Prime Minister Abe visits China (through October 27)
			Oct. 25 Israel-Oman Summit Meeting
			Oct. 28 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through October 29)
			Oct. 29 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
			Nov. 11 Ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (Paris)
			Nov. 17 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Papua New Guinea) (through November 18)
			Nov. 24 Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen resigns as chairperson of the Democratic Progressive Party after suffering a major defeat in the general election
			Nov. 25 A Chinese vessel advances to the Sea of Japan (through November 26)
			Nov. 26 A U.S. naval cruiser conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea (reported)
			Nov. 26 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
			Nov. 28 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
			Dec. 01 U.S.-China Summit Meeting (Osaka)
			Dec. 05 A U.S. naval destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Peter the Great Gulf (reported)
			Dec. 06 Yemen peace talks (through December 13)
			Dec. 07 A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
			Dec. 08 A Chinese vessel sails westward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
			Dec. 11 A Chinese vessel sails southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
			Dec. 12 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. After flying to off the coast of Amami Oshima Island, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
			Dec. 14 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to reach the Pacific Ocean. After flying to off the coast of Amami Oshima Island, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
			Dec. 14 A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
			Dec. 27 UAE reopens its embassy in Syria
			Dec. 27 A Chinese intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again

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2019	Jan. 11	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Brest)	Jan. 08 Japan-Rwanda Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
	Jan. 11	Japan-France Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2-2) (Brest)	Jan. 09 Japan-Netherlands Summit Meeting (Rotterdam)	
	Jan. 14	Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 19 (through February 23)	Jan. 10 Japan-U.K. Summit Meeting (London)	
	Jan. 17	Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Washington, D.C.)	Jan. 22 Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (Moscow)	
	Jan. 21	FY2018 SDF Joint Exercises (command post exercise) (through January 26)	Jan. 23 Japan-Brazil Summit Meeting (Davos)	
	Jan. 21	The MOD published its final statement regarding the incident of an ROK naval vessel directing its fire-control radar at MSDF patrol aircraft	Jan. 29 Japan-Qatar Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
	Jan. 23	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 04 Japan-Germany Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
	Jan. 23	Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Tokigawa Town, Hiki County, Saitama Prefecture (through January 25)	Feb. 15 Japan-Austria Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
	Jan. 24	Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Tanabe City, Wakayama Prefecture (through January 26)	Feb. 20 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	
	Feb. 05	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Feb. 28 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	
	Feb. 05	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Aichi Prefecture, etc. (through February 9)	Mar. 08 Japan-Palau Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
	Feb. 14	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture (through February 20)	Mar. 24 Replacement of government aircraft from B-747 to B-777	
	Feb. 19	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Mizunami City, Gifu Prefecture (through February 21)	Mar. 31 Return of the land at Makiminato Service Area near Gate 5	
	Feb. 20	Air rescue in response to a radar losing track of an F-2 of Tsukui Air Base	Apr. 04 Japan-Panama Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
	Mar. 03	Pacific Partnership 2019 (through May 19)	Apr. 16 Naha Branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 3rd and 5th Futenma Air Station noise suits	
	Mar. 08	ADMM-Plus Medicine Field Training Exercise (MEDEX 2019) (Lucknow) (through March 18)	Apr. 23 Japan-France Summit Meeting (Paris)	
	Mar. 12	23rd Forum for Defense Authorities in the Asia-Pacific Region (Tokyo Defense Forum) (Tokyo) (through March 13)	Apr. 24 Japan-Italy Summit Meeting (Rome)	
	Mar. 12	Turnover ceremony for the UH-1H parts, etc., grant of a portion of the parts, etc.	Apr. 24 Japan-Poland Summit Meeting (Bratislava)	
	Mar. 25	Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Apr. 25 Japan-Slovakia Summit Meeting (Bratislava)	
	Mar. 26	Establishment of Camp Amami and Camp Miyakojima	Apr. 25 3rd "V4 plus Japan" Summit Meeting (Bratislava)	
	Mar. 27	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Seto City, Aichi Prefecture (through March 30)	Apr. 25 Japan-Czech Summit Meeting (Bratislava)	
	Mar. 28	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture (through April 1)	Apr. 25 Japan-EU Summit (Brussels)	
	Apr. 02	Cabinet Decision on the "Implementation Plan for International Peace Cooperation Assignment in Sinai Peninsula"	Apr. 26 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	
	Apr. 05	Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Sakuho Town, Nagano Prefecture (through April 7)	Apr. 28 Japan-Canada Summit Meeting (Ottawa)	
	Apr. 09	Air rescue in response to the crash of an F-35A fighter of Misawa Air Base	Apr. 30 Taiirei-Seiden-no-gi	
	Apr. 10	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Seto City, Aichi Prefecture (through April 13)		
	Apr. 17	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)		
	Apr. 17	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Ena City, Gifu Prefecture (through April 19)		
	Apr. 19	Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Washington, D.C.)		
	Apr. 19	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2-2) (Washington, D.C.)		
	Apr. 23	Japan-Bulgaria State Defense Minister-Level Meeting		
	2019	May 02	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Meeting (Hanoi)	May 01 Kenji-to-Shokei-no-gi
		May 17	Cabinet Decision on revision of the "Implementation Plans for the International Peace Cooperation Assignment for the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)"	May 01 Sokui-go-Choken-no-gi
		May 17	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Tahara City, Aichi Prefecture, (through May 20)	May 06 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk
		May 18	Disaster relief to rescue stranded residents due to heavy rain in Yakushima Island, Kagoshima Prefecture (through May 20)	May 23 Japan-India Summit Telephone Talk
		May 19	Disaster relief in response to water supply failure, etc. due to heavy rain in Kuchinoerabujima Island, Kagoshima Prefecture (through May 24)	May 27 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Tokyo)
		May 21	FY2019 Joint Exercise for Rescue (JXR) (through May 24)	May 29 Japan-Bangladesh Summit Meeting (Tokyo)
		May 22	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 30 Japan-Laos Summit Meeting (Tokyo)
		May 23	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 30 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit Telephone Talk
		May 27	Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Hinohara Village, Tokyo (through May 29)	May 31 Japan-UAE Summit Telephone Talk
		May 27	Disaster relief to rescue missing persons due to ship collision off the coast of Inubasaki, Chiba Prefecture (through May 31)	May 31 Japan-Malaysia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)
		May 27	Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Oumu Town, Hokkaido (through June 4)	May 31 Japan-Cambodia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)
		May 30	Japan-Russia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 06 Tokyo High Court renders judgement in 10th and 11th Yokota Air Base noise suits
May 30		Japan-Russia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2-2) (Tokyo)	Jun. 10 Japan-Switzerland Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
Jun. 01		Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 12 Japan-Iran Summit Meeting (Teheran)	
Jun. 01		Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 14 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	
Jun. 01		Japan-U.S.-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 25 Japan-UAE Summit Telephone Talk	
Jun. 01		Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Singapore)	Jun. 26 Japan-France Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
Jun. 03		Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 27 Japan-EU Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
Jun. 04		Meeting between Defense Minister Iwaya and Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan (Tokyo)	Jun. 27 Japan-India Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
Jun. 05		Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Yamagata City, Gifu Prefecture, etc. (through June 8)	Jun. 27 Japan-Argentina Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
Jun. 17		Establishment of Aegis Ashore Introduction Promotion Headquarters	Jun. 27 Japan-Egypt Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
Jun. 21		Disaster relief in response to forest fire in Kitagawa Village, Aki County, Kochi Prefecture (through June 22)	Jun. 27 Japan-Australia Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
Jun. 25		Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jun. 27 Japan-China Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
Jun. 26		Effectuation of the Japan-France Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	Jun. 28 G20 Osaka Summit chaired by Prime Minister Abe (through June 29)	
			Jun. 28 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 28 Japan-U.S.-India Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 28 Japan-Germany Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 28 Japan-U.K. Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 28 Japan-Thailand Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 29 Japan-South Africa Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 29 Japan-Brazil Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 29 Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jun. 30 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit Meeting (Osaka)	
			Jul. 01 Japan-Turkey Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
			Jul. 23 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit Telephone Talk	
			Jul. 23 Ministerial meeting on the TICAD7 (Tokyo)	
			Aug. 02 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Talk	
			Jan. 01 A U.S. Aegis destroyer conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" in the Paracel Islands	
			Jan. 01 Chairman Kim Jong-un expresses his intention to neither make and test nuclear weapons any longer nor use and proliferate them in his "New Year's Address" in 2019	
			Jan. 07 Chairman Kim Jong-un visits China (through January 10)	
			Jan. 07 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles around the Paracel Islands	
			Jan. 15 ROK releases Defense White Paper 2018	
			Jan. 16 A Russian Su-24 tactical reconnaissance aircraft flies from off the coast of Sado Island through off the coast of Akita Prefecture	
		During the same period, another aircraft of the same type flies from off the coast of Rebun Island through off the coast of Okushiri Island		
		Jan. 17 United States releases the Missile Defense Review (MDR)		
		Jan. 17 A Russian IL-38 patrol aircraft flies from off the coast of Sanin through off the coast of Hokkaido		
		Jan. 24 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait		
		Jan. 24 Three Chinese vessels sail northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea		
		Feb. 02 U.S. provides Russia with formal notice to withdrawal from the INF Treaty		
		Feb. 11 Two U.S. destroyers conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Mischief Reef		
		Feb. 15 Two Russian Tu-95 bombers fly from off the coast of Sanin north along the Sea of Japan to the Sea of Okhotsk, two Su-35 fighters fly from off the coast of Sanin to off the coast of Sado Island, and another two Su-35 fighters fly from off the coast of Sado Island to off the coast of Rebun Island		
		Feb. 15 Two Russian Tu-95 bombers fly south from off the coast of Hokkaido over the Pacific Ocean, turn around off the coast of Shikoku, and fly to off the coast of Hokkaido in the Sea of Japan		
		Feb. 16 Three Chinese vessels advance to the Sea of Japan (through February 24)		
		Feb. 23 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies over the East China Sea again		
		Feb. 25 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait		
		Feb. 27 2nd U.S.-North Korea Summit Meeting (through February 28)		
		Mar. 04 Russia notifies the U.S. of the suspension of Russia's obligation under the INF Treaty		
		Mar. 15 51 people are killed in a shooting incident in Christchurch, New Zealand		
		Mar. 19 A flight by two Chinese Y-9 patrol aircraft within Japan's air defense identification zone in the East China Sea is confirmed for the first time		
		Mar. 24 General election in Thailand (House of Representatives)		
		Mar. 24 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait		
		Mar. 25 U.S. President Trump recognizes Israel's sovereign right over the Golan Heights		
		Mar. 27 A Russian IL-38 patrol aircraft flies from off the coast of Sanin through off the coast of Hokkaido		
		Mar. 28 Three Chinese vessels sail eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean		
		Mar. 30 Four Chinese H-6 bombers, a Tu-154 intelligence gathering aircraft, and two presumed fighter jets fly from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, the aircraft fly over the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again		
		Mar. 31 Two Chinese military aircraft cross over the "median line" of the Taiwan Strait		
		Apr. 01 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft and two H-6 bombers fly from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and flying over the Pacific Ocean, they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again		
		Apr. 02 Three Russian vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait southward and move to the East China Sea		
		Apr. 02 Three Chinese vessels sail northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea		
		Apr. 05 Three Chinese vessels sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island temporarily to the Pacific Ocean		
		Apr. 05 A Russian IL-38 patrol aircraft flies from off the coast of Sanin through off the coast of the Noto Peninsula		
		Apr. 06 A French vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait		
		Apr. 09 General election in Israel		
		Apr. 15 A Chinese vessel sails between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island southeastward, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on the same day, the vessel sails between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island northwestward to the East China Sea		
		Apr. 15 Four Chinese H-6 bombers and an Y-9 electronic warfare aircraft fly from the Bashi Channel, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and fly over the East China Sea		
		Apr. 15 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$500 million)		
		Apr. 17 Presidential election in Indonesia		
		Apr. 21 Bomb attacks by Islamic extremists occur simultaneously in Colombo and other places, Sri Lanka		
		Apr. 24 Chairman Kim Jong-un visits Russia (through April 26)		
		Apr. 26 Five Russian vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea		
		Apr. 28 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait		
		Apr. 28 Four Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait to the Sea of Japan		
		Apr. 29 China-Russia joint naval exercise "Joint Sea 2019" (Qingdao) (through May 4)		
		May 03 Two Russian Tu-142 patrol aircraft pass the Tsushima Strait from the Sea of Japan, and fly to the East China Sea. Thereafter, they pass through the Tsushima Strait again, and fly over the Sea of Japan		
		May 04 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles		
		May 06 Two U.S. vessels conduct the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Gaven Reefs and Johnson South Reef		
		May 06 Five Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait to the Sea of Japan		
		May 09 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles		
		May 11 Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Tsugaru Strait to the Pacific Ocean		
		May 19 Federal election in Australia		
		May 19 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Scarborough Shoal in Zhongsha Islands		
		May 22 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait		
		May 23 Pakistan conducts a test launch of ballistic missiles		
		May 26 A Chinese vessel sails southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on May 30, the vessel sails northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea		
		May 27 Taiwan conducts a military field exercise "Han Kuang 35" (through May 31)		
		May 29 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft flies from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and flying over the Pacific Ocean, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again. Just around the same time, a Chinese Y-8 electronic warfare aircraft flies over the East China Sea to near the Tsushima Strait		
		May 30 Inauguration of 2nd Modi government of India		
		Jun. 01 U.S. DoD releases the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report (IPSR)		
		Jun. 07 A U.S. Navy ship and a Russian Navy ship sail abnormally close to each other in the Philippine Sea		
		Jun. 08 Two Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait to the Sea of Okhotsk		
		Jun. 08 Two Russian vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea		
		Jun. 10 Six Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning," sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean		
		Jun. 12 Three Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait		
		Jun. 13 Commercial vessels, including one related to Japan, are suffered near the Straits of Hormuz		
		Jun. 14 China Coast Guard vessels sail in the Japanese contiguous zone around Senkaku Islands for the longest-ever period of 64 consecutive days		
		Jun. 16 A Chinese vessel sails northwestward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea		
		Jun. 16 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft flies from the East China Sea. After passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and flying over the Pacific Ocean, it turns around, and passes between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again		
		Jun. 18 Two Canadian vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait		
		Jun. 20 Two Russian Tu-95 bombers fly around Japan, and intrude into Japan's territorial airspace twice when flying northward over the Pacific Ocean		
		Jun. 20 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps shoot down a U.S. drone over the Straits of Hormuz		

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Jun. 29	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Nishio City, Aichi Prefecture (through July 2)	Aug. 24 G7 Summit 2019 in Biarritz (France) (through November 26)	Jun. 20-21 President Xi Jinping visits North Korea (the first visit to North Korea by a Chinese president since the last visit by then President Hu Jintao 14 years earlier in 2005. President Xi visits North Korea for the first time in about 11 years since his last visit in 2008 as Vice President)
Jul. 03	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Ena City, Gifu Prefecture (through July 5)	Aug. 24 Japan-Germany Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jun. 21 Two Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Jul. 18	Effectuation of the Japan-Canada Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)	Aug. 24 Japan-Canada Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jun. 23 ASEAN Summit Meeting adopts "ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific" (AOIP)
Jul. 24	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Inabe City, Mie Prefecture (through July 5)	Aug. 24 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jun. 23 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Jul. 25	Revision of the Guidelines Regarding Off-Base U.S. Military Aircraft Accidents in Japan	Aug. 24 Japan-Canada Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jun. 30 Leaders of U.S. and North Korea meet at Panmunjom
Aug. 07	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 25 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jul. 01 14 sailors were killed in a fire on a Russian submarine
Aug. 28	Disaster relief in response to the flooding caused by heavy rain accompanying a front in August 2019 (through October 7)	Aug. 25 Japan-Chile Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jul. 02 China conducts the first test launch of anti-ship ballistic missiles in the South China Sea from June through July (reported)
Sep. 02	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 25 Japan-Australia Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jul. 06 Two Chinese vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait
Sep. 10	Disaster relief in response to the 2019 Boso Peninsula Typhoon (Typhoon Faxai) (through October 7)	Aug. 26 Japan-U.K. Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jul. 08 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sales of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$2.2 billion)
Sep. 17	Disaster relief to search for a missing fishing boat eastern offshore of Cape Noshappu, Hokkaido	Aug. 28 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) (through August 30)	Jul. 12 U.S. Force announces the outline of the National Military Strategy
Sep. 21	Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Ena City, Gifu Prefecture (through September 24)	Aug. 28 Japan-Egypt Summit Meeting (Biarritz)	Jul. 15 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Sep. 21	Disaster relief to search for a missing person in Doshi Village, Minamitsuru County, Yamaguchi Prefecture	Aug. 28 Japan-South Africa Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 22 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on July 23, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
Sep. 23	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 28 Japan-Algeria Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 23 Two Chinese H-6 bombers and two Tu-95 Russian bombers pass through the Tsushima Strait and fly southward over the East China Sea. Thereafter, the two Chinese bombers fly northward to the continent, while the two Russian bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean. After turning around, the Russian bombers pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again, fly northward over the East China Sea, and pass through the Tsushima Strait again. In addition, an A-50 early warning and control aircraft that reportedly supports the Russian bombers intrudes into Japan's territorial airspace over Takeshima Island
Sep. 25	Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (New York)	Aug. 28 Japan-Kenya Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 24 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Oct. 01	Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Mali Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 24 China releases the 10th Defense White Paper "China's National Defense in the New Era" (for the first time in about four years)
Oct. 03	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Guinea Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 25 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Oct. 03	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Togo Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 25 Four Chinese vessels sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
Oct. 03	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Uganda Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 25 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Oct. 03	Japan-Laos State Defense Minister-Level Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 29 Japan-Mauritania Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 27 Two Chinese vessels sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
Oct. 09	Signing of the Memorandum between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of National Defence of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defense	Aug. 29 Japan-Burkina Faso Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Jul. 31 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles (probable)
Oct. 12	Disaster relief in response to the 2019 East Japan Typhoon (Typhoon Hagibis) (through November 30)	Aug. 29 Japan-Ethiopia Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 01 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Oct. 14	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up orders for Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel in response to the 2019 East Japan Typhoon (Typhoon Hagibis)	Aug. 29 Japan-Djibouti Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 01 Six Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
Oct. 14	Disaster relief call-up orders for Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel are issued (through November 9)	Aug. 29 Japan-Niger Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 02 Russian Prime Minister Medvedev visits Etorofu Island
Oct. 16	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Sierra Leone Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 02 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles (probable)
Oct. 24	Telephone Conversation between Defense Minister Kono and Commander in Chief of Bahrain Defense Force Khalifa	Aug. 29 Japan-Sao Tome and Principe Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 02 Termination of the INF Treaty
Oct. 24	Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 29 Japan-Nigeria Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 06 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Oct. 25	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 30 Japan-Zimbabwe Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 08 A Russian vessel sails eastbound from the Soya Strait
Oct. 28	Japan-Uman Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 30 Japan-Liberia Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 08 Two Russian Tu-142 patrol aircraft pass the Tsushima Strait from the Sea of Japan, and fly to the East China Sea. Thereafter, they pass through the Tsushima Strait again, and fly to the Sea of Japan
Oct. 29	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 30 Japan-Benin Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 08 Several people including personnel of the Russian Ministry of Defence and a national nuclear-related company are killed due to an explosion accompanying radiation leakage at a military facility near Arkhangelsk, northern Russia
Oct. 29	Japan-Denmark Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 30 Japan-Democratic Republic of the Congo Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 10 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Nov. 08	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Aug. 30 Japan-Zambia Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 15 Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 12	Cabinet Decision on Revision of the Implementation Plan for the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in Sinai Peninsula	Aug. 30 Japan-Madagascar Summit Meeting (Yokohama)	Aug. 16 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Nov. 12	Cabinet Decision on continuation of counter-piracy mission	Aug. 31 Japan-Seychelles Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 16 UN Security Council holds a closed-door on Kashmir
Nov. 16	6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus and 5th ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting (Thailand) (through November 18)	Aug. 31 Japan-Eswatini Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 18 Two Chinese vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait
Nov. 17	Announcement of "Vientiane Vision 2.0"	Aug. 31 Japan-Comoros Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 18 U.S. conducts launch tests of ground launched cruise missiles with conventional warheads at mid-range
Nov. 17	Japan-Thailand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Aug. 31 Japan-Cote d'Ivoire Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 20 U.S. Government notifies Congress of the sale of weapons to Taiwan (worth US\$8 billion)
Nov. 17	Signing of the Memorandum of Arrangement between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Defense	Aug. 31 Japan-Lesotho Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 22 Two Chinese vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait
Nov. 17	Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Aug. 31 Japan-Tanzania Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 23 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 17	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Aug. 31 Japan-Somalia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 24 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Nov. 17	Japan-U.S.-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Aug. 31 Japan-Ghana Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Aug. 25 Seven Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 17	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 05 Japan-India Summit Meeting (Vladivostok)	Aug. 28 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Fiery Cross Reef and Mischief Reef, the Spratly Islands
Nov. 17	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 05 Japan-Mongolia Summit Meeting (Vladivostok)	Aug. 29 A U.S. military aircraft fly over the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 17	Japan-Myanmar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 05 Japan-Russia Summit Meeting (Vladivostok)	Aug. 29 The United States funds the Space Command as the 11th unified combatant command
Nov. 17	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 11 Naha branch of Fukuoka High Court renders judgement in 5th Kadena Air Base noise suit	Sep. 02 First ASEAN-U.S. Maritime Exercise (AUMX) (through September 6)
Nov. 18	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 13 Japan-Kosovo Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 05 A U.K. vessel sails around the Parcel Islands
Nov. 18	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok)	Sep. 18 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk	Sep. 10 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Nov. 20	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 19 Japan-New Zealand Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 10 A Canadian vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 20	2019 Japan-Australia Defence Ministers Kono/ Reynolds Joint Statement on Advancing Defence Cooperation	Sep. 23 Attends the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (New York) (through September 26)	Sep. 11 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 21	International disaster relief activities for heavy rains and floods in the Republic of Djibouti (Djibouti) (through November 23)	Sep. 24 Japan-Iran Summit Meeting (New York)	Sep. 11 Taiwan releases the 15th National Defense Report (for the first time in two years)
Nov. 23	15th IISS Regional Security Summit (Manama Dialogue) (Bahrain) (through November 24)	Sep. 25 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (New York)	Sep. 13 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" in the waters near the Parcel Islands
Nov. 23	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Bahrain)	Sep. 25 Japan-EU Summit Meeting (New York)	Sep. 14 An oil facility in Saudi Arabia is attacked
Nov. 24	Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and Commander in Chief of Bahrain Defense Force Khalifa (Bahrain)	Sep. 27 Japan-EU Summit Meeting (Brussels)	Sep. 16 SCO member countries including China participate in a large military exercise held in the Central Military District in Russia (through September 21)
Nov. 27	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 02 Japan-Samoa Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 16 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Nov. 30	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting (Delhi)	Oct. 17 Japan-Jordan Summit Telephone Talk	Sep. 16 "Tsentr 2019," a strategic command post exercise by Russia (through September 21)
Nov. 30	Japan-India Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Delhi)	Oct. 21 Japan-Maldives Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 17 2nd General election in Israel
Dec. 02	NATO cyber defense exercise Cyber Coalition 2019 (through December 6)	Oct. 21 Meeting between Prime Minister Abe and State Counsellor of Myanmar (Tokyo)	Sep. 17 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Dec. 03	Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 21 Japan-Palestine Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 20 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Dec. 14	19th Doha Forum (Doha)	Oct. 21 Japan-Nepal Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 21 Solomon Islands establishes diplomatic relations with China (and severs its diplomatic relations with Taiwan [September 16])
Dec. 14	Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Doha)	Oct. 21 Japan-Slovakia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 26 A U.S. military aircraft flies over the Taiwan Strait
Dec. 14	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Doha)	Oct. 21 Japan-Serbia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Sep. 27 Kiribati establishes diplomatic relations with China (and severs its diplomatic relations with Taiwan [September 20])
Dec. 15	Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of Jordan (Amman)	Oct. 21 Japan-Finland Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 01 China conducts a military parade to celebrate the 70th anniversary of its founding
		Oct. 21 Japan-Micronesia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 01 Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
		Oct. 21 Japan-Palau Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 02 North Korea launches an SLBM (fell into Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ))
		Oct. 21 Japan-Mongolia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 07 Three Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait
		Oct. 21 Japan-Romania Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 09 Turkey begins military operations in northern Syria
		Oct. 21 Japan-Ukraine Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 14 Russian Eastern Military District announces that it started a large military exercise in the Sakhalin and Primorsky regions involving up to 8,000 personnel
		Oct. 21 Japan-Kosovo Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 15 Mor-2019, a Russian strategic nuclear force exercise (through October 17)
		Oct. 21 Japan-Lesotho Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 22 Two Russian Tu-95 bombers pass the Tsushima Strait from the Sea of Japan, and fly to the East China Sea. Thereafter, they pass through the Tsushima Strait again, and fly to the Sea of Japan
		Oct. 21 Japan-Eswatini Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 25 Two Chinese vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait
		Oct. 21 Japan-Niger Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 27 Two Russian bombers fly from the Sea of Japan to the East China Sea
		Oct. 21 Japan-Cote d'Ivoire Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 27 Three Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
		Oct. 22 Skokurei-Seiden-no-gi	Oct. 29 Two Chinese vessels sail southbound from the Tsushima Strait
		Oct. 23 Japan-Slovenia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 29 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea, and flies to the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies to the East China Sea again
		Oct. 23 Japan-Singapore Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 31 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
		Oct. 23 Japan-Pakistan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 07 The command center of the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) is established in Bahrain
		Oct. 23 Japan-Thailand Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 12 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
		Oct. 23 Japan-Afghanistan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 17 A Chinese indigenous aircraft carrier transits through the Taiwan Strait for the first time
		Oct. 23 Japan-Nauru Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 17 The United States and the ROK announce the postponement of a U.S.-ROK air exercise as an act of goodwill to contribute to an environment conducive to diplomacy and the advancement of peace
		Oct. 23 Japan-Marshall Islands Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 20 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" within 12 nautical miles of Mischief Reef, the Spratly Islands
		Oct. 23 Japan-Brazil Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 21 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Parcel Islands
		Oct. 23 Japan-Kyrgyz Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 27 Two Russian Tu-95 bombers pass the Tsushima Strait from the Sea of Japan, and fly to the East China Sea. Thereafter, they pass through the Tsushima Strait again, and fly to off the coast of Hokkaido
		Oct. 23 Japan-Turkmenistan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Oct. 23 Japan-Kazakhstan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Oct. 23 Japan-Germany Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Oct. 23 Japan-Montenegro Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Oct. 23 Japan-Slovenia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Oct. 24 Meeting between Prime Minister Abe and Prime Minister of the ROK (Tokyo)	
		Oct. 24 Japan-Armenia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Oct. 24 Japan-Guatemala Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	



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Dec. 18	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Meeting (Beijing)	Oct. 24 Japan-Albania Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 27 Four Chinese vessels sail eastbound from the Osumi Strait to the Pacific Ocean
Dec. 19	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 24 Japan-Georgia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 28 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
Dec. 20	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	Oct. 24 Japan-Panama Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 28 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on November 29, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
Dec. 21	Disaster relief to search for a fishing boat near Mikurajima Island (Izu Islands)	Oct. 24 Japan-Bulgaria Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
Dec. 25	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 24 Japan-Czech Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Nov. 29 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter, it turns around and flies over the East China Sea again
Dec. 26	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 25 Hiroshima High Court renders judgment in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Iwakuni Air Base noise suits	Dec. 04 A Japanese doctor is killed in eastern Afghanistan due to a shooting incident
Dec. 27	Cabinet Decision on the Government's Efforts to Ensure the Safety of Japan-Related Vessels in the Middle East	Nov. 01 Japan-Chile Summit Telephone Talk	Dec. 07 A U.K. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
Dec. 28	Japan-Djibouti Defense Ministerial Meeting (Djibouti)	Nov. 03 ASEAN-related Summit Meetings (Bangkok) (through November 5)	Dec. 08 North Korea announces that it conducted a "crucial test" at Sohae satellite launching station (Tongch'ang-ri) on December 7
Dec. 29	Japan-Oman Defense Ministerial Meeting (Muscat)	Nov. 04 Japan-Thailand Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 10 Vietnam releases the 2019 National Defence White Paper
		Nov. 04 22nd ASEAN Plus Three (Japan-China-ROK) Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 12 U.S. DoD announces that it conducted a flight test of a prototype of a conventionally-configured ground-launched ballistic missile with a range of more than 500 km
		Nov. 04 Japan-China Summit Meeting (Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China) (Bangkok)	Dec. 14 North Korea announces that it conducted a "crucial test" at Sohae satellite launching station (Tongch'ang-ri) on December 13
		Nov. 04 Japan-India Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 16 Four Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
		Nov. 04 Japan-Singapore Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 16 Three Russian vessels sail northbound from the Tsushima Strait
		Nov. 04 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) (Bangkok)	Dec. 17 China's first indigenous aircraft carrier was named "Shandong" and commissioned in Sanya of Hainan Island
		Nov. 04 Japan-Philippines Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 20 The United States establishes the Space Force as the sixth branch of the military
		Nov. 04 22nd Japan-ASEAN Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 24 A Russian Su-57 5th generation fighter crashes during a test flight
		Nov. 04 3rd RCEP Summit (Bangkok)	Dec. 26 Chinese aircraft carrier "Shandong" transits the Taiwan Strait
		Nov. 04 Japan-Indonesia Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 26 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on December 27, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
		Nov. 04 Japan-Vietnam Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	
		Nov. 04 11th Japan-Mekong Summit Meeting (Bangkok)	Dec. 27 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter, it turns around and flies over the East China Sea again
		Nov. 10 Shukuga-onrets-u-no-gi	Dec. 28-31 North Korea holds the Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the KWP
		Nov. 12 Attends Reception for Celebrating 25 Years of Diplomatic Relations with Japan (Tokyo)	
		Nov. 14 Japan-Micronesia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Nov. 25 Meeting with His Holiness Pope Francis (Tokyo)	
		Nov. 29 Japan-El Salvador Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Dec. 02 Japan-EU Summit Telephone Talk	Dec. 30 Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs lodges a diplomatic protest over the illegal operation by Chinese fishing fleet escorted by China's Coast Guard in Indonesia's EEZ around the Natuna Islands
		Dec. 06 Japan-Hungary Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Dec. 12 Japan-Jamaica Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Dec. 19 Japan-Uzbekistan Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Dec. 20 Japan-Iran Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	
		Dec. 21 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Talk	
		Dec. 21 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	
		Dec. 23 Japan-China Summit Meeting (China)	
		Dec. 24 8th Japan-China-ROK Trilateral Summit (Chengdu) (through December 25)	
		Dec. 24 Japan-ROK Summit Meeting (Chengdu)	
2020	Jan. 07 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jan. 07 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 03 The U.S. military kills Qasem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps
	Jan. 08 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Uruma City and Okinawa City, Okinawa Prefecture (through January 20)	Jan. 11 Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 08 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps shoot down a Ukrainian plane
	Jan. 09 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jan. 12 Japan-Saudi Arabia Summit Meeting (Riyadh)	Jan. 08 Iran carries out a ballistic missile attack on Iraqi bases hosting U.S. troops
	Jan. 09 Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jan. 13 Japan-UAE Summit Meeting (Abu Dhabi)	Jan. 11 The Taiwanese presidential election is held, and incumbent President Tsai of the Democratic Progressive Party is reelected
	Jan. 14 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	Jan. 14 Japan-Oman Summit Meeting (Muscat)	Jan. 15 Russian Prime Minister announces the resignation of the Cabinet
	Jan. 15 International disaster relief activities in Australia (Australia) (through February 8)	Jan. 21 Japan-Poland Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 16 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
	Jan. 20 2nd annual and experts' meetings of the Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Defense Authorities of Japan and China (Tokyo)	Jan. 23 Tokyo High Court renders judgment in 9th and 12th Yokota Air Base noise suits	Jan. 20 Malaysia releases its first defense white paper
	Jan. 26 Multilateral exercise Cobra Gold 20 (through March 9)	Feb. 10 Japan-Estonia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jan. 20 A Chinese Tu-154 intelligence gathering aircraft makes a long-distance flight over the East China Sea
	Jan. 31 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of COVID-19 (through March 16)	Mar. 12 Kanazawa District Court renders judgment in the 5th and 6th Komatsu Air Base noise suits	Jan. 21 A new Russian Cabinet is launched
	Feb. 02 Disaster relief in response to classical swine fever (CSF) outbreak in Okinawa City, Okinawa Prefecture (through February 4)	Mar. 13 Japan-France Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 25 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around Fiery Cross Reef, the Spratly Islands
	Feb. 13 Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up orders for Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel for prevention of the spread of COVID-19	Mar. 13 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Jan. 31 U.K. departs from the EU
	Feb. 13 Disaster relief call-up order for Reserve Personnel is issued (through March 16)	Mar. 15 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 04 U.S. DoD announces the deployment of the low-yield nuclear warhead to be carried by SLBMs
	Feb. 15 56th Munich Security Conference (Munich)	Mar. 16 G7 Summit Video Teleconference Meeting	Feb. 06 The United States announces the death of the leader of AQAP
	Feb. 15 Japan-Ukraine Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich)	Mar. 24 Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 09 Four Chinese H-6 bombers fly from the Bashi Channel, pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and fly to the East China Sea
	Feb. 15 Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich)	Mar. 25 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 10 A Chinese military aircraft crosses over the "median line" of the Taiwan Strait
	Feb. 15 Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Munich)	Mar. 26 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 11 The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines notifies the United States of the termination of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA)
	Feb. 15 Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and High Representative of EU Borrell (Munich)	Mar. 26 G20 Summit Video Teleconference Meeting	Feb. 12 Two Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait
	Feb. 15 Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg (Munich)	Mar. 30 Telephone Talk between Prime Minister Abe and WHO Director-General	Feb. 12 A U.S. military aircraft flies over the Taiwan Strait
	Feb. 18 Disaster relief to search for persons in distress in Mt. Asahi, Hokkaido (through February 21)	Apr. 03 Japan-Sweden Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 15 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
	Mar. 01 Disaster relief to search for and rescue crew members of a cargo ship sunk off the coast of Shimokita, Aomori Prefecture (through March 3)	Apr. 10 Japan-India Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 21 Parliamentary elections in Iran
	Mar. 02 Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Apr. 14 Special ASEAN Plus Three (Japan-China-ROK) Summit on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)	Feb. 22 Transitional government established in South Sudan based on the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS)
	Mar. 28 Disaster relief for reinforcement of quarantine measures against COVID-19 (through May 31)	Apr. 16 G7 Summit Video Teleconference Meeting	Feb. 27 A flight by two Su-34 fighter-bombers within Japan's air defense identification zone in the Sea of Okhotsk is confirmed for the first time
	Apr. 17 Japan-France Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Apr. 17 Japan-Turkey Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 29 The United States and the ROK announce the postponement of U.S.-ROK joint exercises to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus outbreak
	Apr. 17 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Hokkaido Prefecture (through April 24)	Apr. 21 Japan-Ethiopia Summit Telephone Talk	Feb. 29 The United States signs a peace agreement with the Taliban
	Apr. 19 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Kanagawa Prefecture (through April 26)	Apr. 23 Japan-Jordan Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 02 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Apr. 20 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Miyagi Prefecture (through May 1)	Apr. 23 Japan-Indonesia Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 09 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Apr. 23 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Okinawa Prefecture (through April 30)	May 04 Japan-Vietnam Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 10 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands
	Apr. 24 Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	May 05 Japan-Iran Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 18 Four Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
	Apr. 24 Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	May 07 Japan-Russia Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 21 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
	Apr. 26 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Nagasaki Prefecture (through May 10)	May 08 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 23 A flight by a Chinese Y-9 patrol aircraft within Japan's air defense identification zone in the East China Sea is confirmed for the first time
	Apr. 28 Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	May 12 Japan-Luxembourg Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 24 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on March 25, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
	May 01 Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	May 19 Japan-Peru Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 24 Two Russian Tu-95 bombers pass the Sea of Okhotsk from the Sea of Japan to reach the Pacific Ocean. At the same time two Su-35 fighters and two Russian aircraft (presumed) fly over the Sea of Japan
	May 02 Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Nagasaki Prefecture (through May 14)	May 26 Japan-EU Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 25 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around and flies to the East China Sea again
	May 07 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jun. 18 Japan-Spain Summit Telephone Talk	Mar. 25 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
	May 08 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jul. 08 The Supreme Court renders judgment in 3rd and 5th Futenma Air Base noise suits	Mar. 26 18 Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
	May 08 Disaster relief in response to a forest fire in Asago City, Hyogo Prefecture (through May 11)	Jul. 09 Japan-Australia Leaders Video Teleconference	Mar. 26 Two Russian vessels sail northeastward from the Tsushima Strait
	May 12 Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Jul. 16 Japan-Germany Leaders Video Teleconference	Mar. 29 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
		Aug. 04 Japan-Vietnam Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 03 Two Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait
		Aug. 31 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 09 Two Russian IL-38 patrol aircraft make a long-distance flight over from the Sea of Okhotsk to the Sea of Japan
		Aug. 31 Japan-Russia Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 10 Six Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning" sail southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
		Sep. 02 Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 10 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
		Sep. 02 Japan-Jordan Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 15 The U.S. Space Command announces that Russia conducted a launch test of a ground-launched anti-satellite missile
		Sep. 02 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 15 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps vessels abnormally approach U.S. military vessels in the Persian Gulf
		Sep. 07 Japan-Israel Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 18 China announces establishment of the Xisha District and the Nansha District under the Sansha City of Hainan Province
		Sep. 07 Japan-Philippines Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 23 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
		Sep. 07 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 24 Seven Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
		Sep. 08 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 28 Six Chinese vessels including the aircraft carrier "Liaoning" sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
		Sep. 09 Japan-Austria Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 28 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands
		Sep. 09 Japan-Turkey Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 29 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Spratly Islands
		Sep. 10 Japan-India Summit Telephone Talk	Apr. 29 Three Chinese vessels sail southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
		Sep. 10 Japan-Turkmenistan Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 20 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 20 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 22 Japan-Germany Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 22 Japan-EU Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 23 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 24 Japan-ROK Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 25 Japan-India Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 25 Japan-China Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 26 Attends the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (Online) (through September 26)	
		Sep. 29 Japan-Russia Summit Telephone Talk	
		Sep. 30 Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Talk	
		Oct. 05 Japan-France Summit Telephone Talk	

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May 15	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 06 Japan-EU Summit Telephone Talk	May 05 Standoff between Chinese and Indian forces along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) (border of Ladakh, India)
May 18	Disaster relief to search for missing persons in Kami Town, Miyagi Prefecture (through May 21)	Oct. 07 Japan-Italy Summit Telephone Talk	May 09 Standoff between Chinese and Indian forces along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) (border of Sikkim, India)
May 19	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Oct. 12 Japan-Vietnam Summit Telephone Talk	May 13 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
May 19	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 13 Japan-Indonesia Summit Telephone Talk	May 17 A Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait
May 19	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 19 Japan-Vietnam Summit Meeting	May 24 North Korea announces that it will hold the enlarged meeting of the Central Military Commission of the KWP
May 20	Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Oct. 20 Japan-Indonesia Summit Meeting	May 29 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands
Jun. 01	Japan-Mongolia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Oct. 28 Japan-Turkey Summit Telephone Talk	May 29 Three Chinese vessels sail southeastward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the Pacific Ocean
Jun. 09	Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Nov. 12 Telephone Talk between Prime Minister Suga and President-elect Biden	Jun. 04 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
Jun. 16	Japan-PNG Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Nov. 13 The 12th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting (Online)	Jun. 10 A Russian IL-20 intelligence gathering aircraft passes from off the coast of Rebus Island to off the coast of the Noto Peninsula
Jul. 04	Disaster relief in response to July 2020 Flooding Disaster (through July 30)	Nov. 14 The 15th East Asia Summit (EAS)	Jun. 16 North Korea blows up Inter-Korean Liaison Office
Jul. 05	Cabinet Decision on disaster relief call-up orders for Ready Reserve Personnel and Reserve Personnel in response to July 2020 Flooding Disaster	Nov. 14 The 23rd ASEAN Plus Three (Japan-China-ROK) Summit Meeting	Jun. 17 Two Russian vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, then northeastward through the Tsushima Strait. On June 19, a Russian vessel sails northeastward through the Tsushima Strait
Jul. 05	Disaster relief call-up order for Ready Reserve Personnel is issued (through July 23)	Nov. 15 4th RCEP Summit and signing of the RCEP Agreement (Online)	Jun. 18 A submerged submarine moves westward through the waters northeast of Amami Oshima Island (within the Japanese contiguous zone), and then westward through the waters west of Yokote Island (outside the Japanese contiguous zone) on June 20
Jul. 08	Japan-U.S.-Australia Virtual Trilateral Defense Meeting (Joint Statement)	Nov. 17 Japan-Australia Summit Meeting (Tokyo)	Jun. 20 Three Chinese vessels sail northward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island to the East China Sea
Jul. 09	Disaster relief call-up order for Reserve Personnel is issued (through July 23)	Nov. 20 Japan-New Zealand Summit Telephone Talk	Jun. 21 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on June 23, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
Jul. 20	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Nov. 21 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Online)	Jun. 21 Two Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Jul. 21	Telephone Conversation between Defense Minister Kono and NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg	Nov. 21 The G20 Riyadh Summit (Online)	Jun. 22 A Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft passes the Tsushima Strait from the East China Sea to reach the Sea of Japan. Thereafter it turns around, and flies to the East China Sea again
Aug. 06	Video Teleconference between Defense Minister Kono and Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan Bajwa	Dec. 02 Japan-Israel Summit Telephone Talk	Jun. 26 A Chinese vessel sails southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on June 28, the vessel sails northward to the East China Sea
Aug. 12	Japan-Tonga Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Dec. 07 Japan-Netherlands Summit Telephone Talk	Jun. 28 Two Chinese H-6 bombers fly from the East China Sea, and after passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island they fly over the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter they fly toward the Bashi Channel and then turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
Aug. 12	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Dec. 09 The Supreme Court renders judgment in 10th and 11th Yokota Air Base noise suits	Jul. 04 Two U.S. carrier strike groups conduct joint exercise in the South China Sea
Aug. 18	Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Okinawa Prefecture (through August 31)	Dec. 14 Japan-Philippines Summit Telephone Talk	Jul. 13 A Chinese vessel sails southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on July 18, the vessel sails northward to the East China Sea
Aug. 19	Japan-Fiji Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Dec. 16 Japan-Norway Summit Telephone Talk	Jul. 14 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Spratly Islands
Aug. 25	Conclusion of the contract of Air Surveillance Radar System to the Republic of the Philippines Equipment to be delivered		Jul. 14 Two Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Aug. 27	Japan-Finland Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Jul. 28 Three Russian vessels sail eastbound from the Soya Strait
Aug. 29	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting		Aug. 05 Three Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait
Sep. 04	Disaster relief in response to Typhoon Haishen (through September 7)		Aug. 10 A Chinese military aircraft crosses over the "median line" of the Taiwan Strait
Sep. 08	Japan-Saudi Arabia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation		Aug. 14 A Russian IL-20 intelligence gathering aircraft passes from off the coast of Rebus Island to off the coast of the Noto Peninsula
Sep. 09	Japan-Austria Summit Telephone Talk		Aug. 19 Two Russian bombers fly over the Sea of Japan from off the coast of the Oki Islands. In conjunction with this movement, two presumed Russian aircraft fly from off the coast of the Oki Island to off the coast of Sado Island, another two presumed Russian aircraft fly from off the coast of Sado Island to off the coast of Rebus Island in Hokkaido, and another two aircraft fly from off the coast of Rebus Island in Hokkaido to the Sea of Japan
Sep. 09	Signing of the Japan-India Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)		Aug. 27 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands
Sep. 17	Minister of Defense Kishi came into office		Aug. 28 Three Russian IL-38 patrol aircraft make a long-distance flight over the Sea of Japan
Oct. 07	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation		Aug. 30 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
Oct. 12	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation		Sep. 14 Six Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Oct. 19	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)		Sep. 15 Israel, UAE, and Bahrain sign normalization agreements
Oct. 19	2020 Japan-Australia Defence Ministers Kishi/Reynolds Joint Statement on Advancing Defence Cooperation		Sep. 18 A Chinese military aircraft crosses over the "median line" of the Taiwan Strait
Oct. 23	Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Sep. 19 A Chinese military aircraft crosses over the "median line" of the Taiwan Strait
Oct. 26	Keen Sword21/02FTX (field exercise) (through November 5)		Sep. 23 A Chinese vessel sails southward between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island, and advances to the Pacific Ocean temporarily. However, on September 26, the vessel sails northward to the East China Sea
Nov. 02	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Sep. 25 Two Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft fly from the East China Sea after passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again
Nov. 05	Disaster relief in response to bird flu outbreak in Mitoyo City and Higashikagawa City, Kagawa Prefecture (through November 8)		Sep. 27 Three Russian vessels sail northeastward from the Tsushima Strait
Nov. 10	Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Oct. 02 A Russian Mi-8 helicopter violates airspace over Japan's territorial waters at Cape Shiretoko in Hokkaido
Nov. 10	Cabinet Decision on Revision of the Implementation Plan for the International Peace Cooperation Assignments in Sinai Peninsula (through November 30, 2021)		Oct. 09 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands
Nov. 10	Cabinet Decision on continuation of counter-piracy mission (through November 19, 2021)		Oct. 10 North Korea conducts a military parade
Nov. 14	Telephone Conversation between Minister of Defense Kishi and U.S. Acting Secretary of Defense Miller		Oct. 14 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
Nov. 16	Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Oct. 23 Signing of the Libya ceasefire agreement
Nov. 25	Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation		Oct. 23 Israel and Sudan agree to normalize relations
Nov. 26	FY2020 Exercise for the rescue of Japanese nationals and others overseas (in Japan) (through December 3)		Nov. 06 A Russian early warning and control aircraft flies from off the coast of the Oki Islands northward across the Sea of Japan to the Sea of Okhotsk. In addition to this, two presumed Russian aircraft fly from off the coast of the Oki Islands northward across the Sea of Japan to the Sea of Okhotsk, another two presumed Russian aircraft fly from off the coast of the Oki Island to off the coast of Sado Island, another two aircraft fly from off the cost of Sado Island to off the coast of Rebus Island in Hokkaido, and yet another two aircraft fly from off the cost of Rebus Island in Hokkaido northward across the Sea of Japan to the Sea of Okhotsk
Nov. 28	FY2020 air review (Truma)		Nov. 06 Three Russian vessels sail southwestward from the Tsushima Strait
Dec. 07	Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Nov. 20 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
Dec. 08	Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Hokkaido (through December 21)		Nov. 21 A Russian IL-20 intelligence gathering aircraft passes from off the coast of Rebus Island to off the coast of the Noto Peninsula
Dec. 10	7th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus and 6th ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting (Online)		Nov. 24 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around Peter the Great Gulf
Dec. 11	Change of Cabinet Decision on the Government's Efforts to Ensure the Safety of Japan-Related Vessels in the Middle East (through December 26, 2021)		Dec. 10 Israel and Morocco agree to normalize relations
Dec. 14	Japan-China Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Dec. 19 A U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
Dec. 15	Japan-Germany Defense Ministers' Forum "Indo-Pacific: Japan and Germany's Engagement in the Region" (Online)		Dec. 21 A Chinese vessel sails northbound from the Tsushima Strait, and advances to the Sea of Japan temporarily. However, on December 23, the vessel sails southbound from the Tsushima Strait to the East China Sea
Dec. 15	Japan-Brazil Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		Dec. 22 Two Chinese H-6 bombers and two Russian Tu-95 bombers carried out long distance joint flights from the Sea of Japan to the East China Sea
Dec. 15	Signing of the Japan-Brazil Memorandum on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges		Dec. 22 A Russian vessels sail westbound from the Soya Strait
Dec. 16	Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Osaka (through December 28)		Dec. 22 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Spratly Islands
Dec. 17	Disaster relief in response to heavy snow in Kan-Etsu Expressway (through December 18)		Dec. 24 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Con Dao Islands
Dec. 18	Cabinet Decision on the "Procurement of a New Missile Defense System, etc., and Strengthening Stand-off Defense Capability"		Dec. 27 Three Russian vessels sail northeastward from the Tsushima Strait
Dec. 22	Japan-India Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation		Dec. 31 Two U.S. vessel sails through the Taiwan Strait
Dec. 24	Disaster relief in response to bird flu outbreak in Isumi City, Chiba Prefecture (through December 31)		



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2021	Jan. 05	Disaster relief in response to heavy snow in Akita Prefecture (through January 10)	Jan. 27 The Supreme Court renders judgement in 9th and 12th Yokota Air Base noise suits	
	Jan. 10	Disaster relief in response to heavy snow in Hokuriku Expressway (through January 12)	Jan. 28 Japan-U.S. Summit Telephone Talk	
	Jan. 10	Disaster relief in response to heavy snow in Niigata Prefecture (through January 12)	Feb. 03 Japan-Canada Summit Telephone Talk	
	Jan. 11	Disaster relief in response to bird flu outbreak in Isumi City, Chiba Prefecture (through January 19)	Feb. 16 Japan-U.K. Summit Telephone Talk	
	Jan. 14	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Feb. 19 G7 Summit Video Teleconference Meeting	
	Jan. 15	Japan-France Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Feb. 25 Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk	
	Jan. 24	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	Apr. 09 Japan-India Summit Telephone Talk	
	Jan. 31	Disaster relief for prevention of the spread of community-acquired infection of COVID-19 in Miyakojima, Okinawa Prefecture (through February 13)	Mar. 12 Japan-Australia-India-U.S. Leaders' Video Teleconference	
	Feb. 03	Japan-U.K. Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Online)	Mar. 16 Japan-Sweden Summit Telephone Talk	
	Feb. 04	Telephone Conversation between Minister of Defense Kishi and Saudi Arabian Deputy Minister of Defense, H.R.H. Prince Khalid	Mar. 19 Japan-Italy Summit Telephone Talk	
	Feb. 15	Japan-Iran Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Mar. 22 Japan-Vietnam Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 03	Japan Pacific Islands Defense Dialogue (JPIDD) Preparation Meeting	Mar. 23 Japan-Poland Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 10	Japan-UAE Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	Apr. 07 Japan-Laos Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 13	89th Ottawa Conference on Security and Defence (Online)	Apr. 09 Japan-Thailand Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 14	Holding of the MOD Cyber Contest	Apr. 14 Japan-Ukraine Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 16	Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2)	Apr. 16 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (Washington, D.C.)	
	Mar. 16	Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Meeting	Apr. 26 Japan-India Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 17	Japan-Ukraine Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference	May 11 Japan-Vietnam Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 23	Japan-Germany Agreement on the Security of Information	May 12 Japan-Kazakhstan Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 25	Japan-U.K. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation	May 12 Japan-Uzbekistan Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 28	Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Tokyo)	May 13 Japan-Turkmenistan Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 29	3rd Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism Annual and Experts Meeting (Online)	May 17 Japan-Vietnam Summit Telephone Talk	
	Mar. 30	Japan-Indonesia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2) (Tokyo)	May 19 Japan-Philippines Summit Telephone Talk	
	Apr. 13	Japan-Germany Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting (2+2)	May 25 Japan-Singapore Summit Telephone Talk	
	Apr. 13	NATO CCDCOE Cyber Defense Exercise "Locked Shields 2021" (through April 16)	May 27 Japan-EU Summit	
	Apr. 15	Japan-Malaysia Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		
	Apr. 19	Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		
	Apr. 28	Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		
	May 19	Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Telephone Conversation		
	May 20	Japan-Brunei Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		
	May 25	Japan-Thailand Defense Ministerial Video Teleconference		
				Jan. 05 North Korea holds the 8th Congress of the KWP (through January 12)
				Jan. 14 North Korea conducts a military parade
				Jan. 14 Inauguration of the Biden administration
				Feb. 02 ROK releases Defense White Paper 2020
				Feb. 04 U.S. President Biden announces a complete halt to support for offensive operations in Yemen
				Feb. 04 Two U.S. vessels transit through the Taiwan Strait
				Feb. 05 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Paracel Islands
				Feb. 09 Two U.S. carrier strike groups conduct a joint exercise in the South China Sea
				Feb. 17 A U.S. vessel conducts the "Freedom of Navigation Operation" around the Spratly Islands
				Feb. 24 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
				Mar. 03 U.S. releases the Interim National Security Strategic Guidance
				Mar. 10 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait
				Mar. 10 House of Representatives approves Libya's provisional Government of National Unity
				Mar. 11 A Russian A-50 early warning and control aircraft flies from off the coast of the Noto Peninsula to off the coast of Rebun Island, Hokkaido. In addition, two presumed Russian aircraft fly from the northern part of the Oki Islands northward over the Sea of Japan, through the Sea of Okhotsk to the Pacific Ocean, while another two presumed Russian aircraft fly from the northern part of the Oki Islands to the Sea of Japan, another two presumed Russian aircraft fly from off the coast of Okushiri Island, Hokkaido to the Sea of Okhotsk, and yet another two presumed Russian aircraft fly from north of Cape Soya, Hokkaido to the Pacific Ocean
				Mar. 25 North Korea launches two ballistic missiles
			Mar. 29 Two Chinese Y-9 intelligence gathering aircraft fly from the East China Sea after passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island and fly over the Pacific Ocean. Thereafter they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again. A Chinese Y-9 patrol aircraft flies from the East China Sea after passing between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island. Thereafter they turn around, and pass between the main island of Okinawa and Miyakojima Island again	
			Mar. 29 Two Russian IL-38 patrol aircraft fly from off the coast of the Oki Islands in the Sea of Japan to off the coast of the Oga Peninsula	
			Apr. 07 A U.S. vessel transits through the Taiwan Strait	
			Apr. 09 A U.S. carrier strike group and an amphibious ready group conducts joint exercise in South China Sea	
			Apr. 14 U.S. announces that it will remove U.S. troops from Afghanistan by September 11	