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On September 9, The Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency (ATLA), Japan MoD and the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU), U.S. DoD signed a Memorandum for Defense Innovation Cooperation.

Based on this memorandum, ATLA will explore individual joint project opportunities with the DIU such as the prize competitions\*, and will promote integration of cuttingedge commercial technologies into defense systems more rapidly and efficiently, and strengthening of defense production and technological base.

As Japan-U.S. defense equipment and technology cooperation is highly significant for ensuring the technological edge of the Japan-U.S. Alliance, ATLA will continue exploring collaborative opportunities with the U.S. in various fields of defense technology.

\*This Event provides startups with an opportunity to compete for awards by offering the best solutions to technological challenge themes set by ATLA, the DIU or other organizations.