Section 2
Outline of the Medium Term Defense Program

1 Program Guidelines

Based on the NDPG, the Mid-Term Defense Program (FY2014-FY2018) (MTDP) states that an appropriate defense buildup is to be achieved under the following six basic program guidelines.

In reinforcing the structure of the SDF, Japan will prioritize the improvement of the 9 functions and capabilities which the NDPG specifies as those that should be emphasized, and aim to build highly effective integrated defense forces in an efficient manner.

2 Authorized Number of SDF Personnel and Quantities of Major Procurement

The total number of authorized GSDF personnel at the end of FY2018 will be approximately 159,000, with approximately 151,000 being SDF Regular Personnel, and approximately 8,000 being Ready Reserve Personnel.

The authorized number of SDF personnel of the MSDF and ASDF through FY2018 will be approximately at the same levels as at the end of FY2013.

The Annex Table shows details of the quantities of...
major procurement. Japan aims to develop the defense forces described in the Annex Table of the NDPG over a 10-year time frame.

3 Expenditures

The expenditures required to implement the defense force developments described in this program amount to approximately 24,670 billion yen in FY2013 prices. For the duration of this program, in harmony with other measures taken by the Government, approximately 700 billion yen will be secured by means of further streamlining and rationalization through efforts such as equipment procurement reform. The annual defense budgets for the implementation of this program will be allocated within a limit of approximately 23,970 billion yen over the next five years.