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### Establishment of the Hotline Between Japan-China Defense Authorities

1. On March 31, the “Hotline between Japanese and Chinese Defense Authorities” which had been coordinated towards operational status by spring this year, has now completed its equipment/line settings on Japanese and Chinese side, and has become operational.
2. Japanese and Chinese defense authorities will begin the operation of “Hotline between Japanese and Chinese Defense Authorities”.
3. The “Maritime and Aerial Communication Mechanism between the Japan-China Defense Authorities”, which includes “Hotline between Japanese and Chinese Defense Authorities”, aims to foster trust between Japanese and Chinese defense authorities as well as to avoid contingencies. JMOD/JSDF will operate the hotline appropriately.