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Ministry of Defense

Regarding the Progress of the Projects of Stand-off Defense Capability

Japan Ministry of Defense (JMOD) / JSDF will strengthen its stand-off defense capabilities in order to disrupt and defeat the forces invading Japan early and from far away.

In order to swiftly build this capability, JMOD / JSDF is, first of all, working towards the prompt procurement of indigenous stand-off missiles.

In addition, JMOD has been contracting for JSM (Joint Strike Missile; manufactured by Norwegian Kongsberg Defense & Aerospace Ltd.) since JFY 2018 and included the cost of procuring the missile (35,2B) in the JFY 2024 draft budget as well.

We are pleased to announce that the contract for JFY 2023 was concluded on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The acquisition of missiles under this contract is scheduled for JFY 2026.

We will continue to promote the procurement of various stand-off missiles and work for early building of stand-off defense capabilities based on the Defense Buildup Program.