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Ministry of Defense

Project Progress to Build Stand-off Defense Capability
(Statement by DM Kihara)

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.

As a part of our effort, regarding Tomahawk, the United States Navy has been conducting a training course for JMSDF personnel starting from March 25th. In this course, the U.S. Navy provides expertise required for the operation of Tomahawk missile, and His Excellency Mr. Rahm EMANUEL, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to Japan, announced that the United States will continue to conduct such training every other month.

With the U.S. cooperation, JMOD wishes to complete personnel training before the acquisition of Tomahawk missile from JFY2025, and thus welcomes that the United States is and will be conducting courses to carry forward the necessary training.

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.