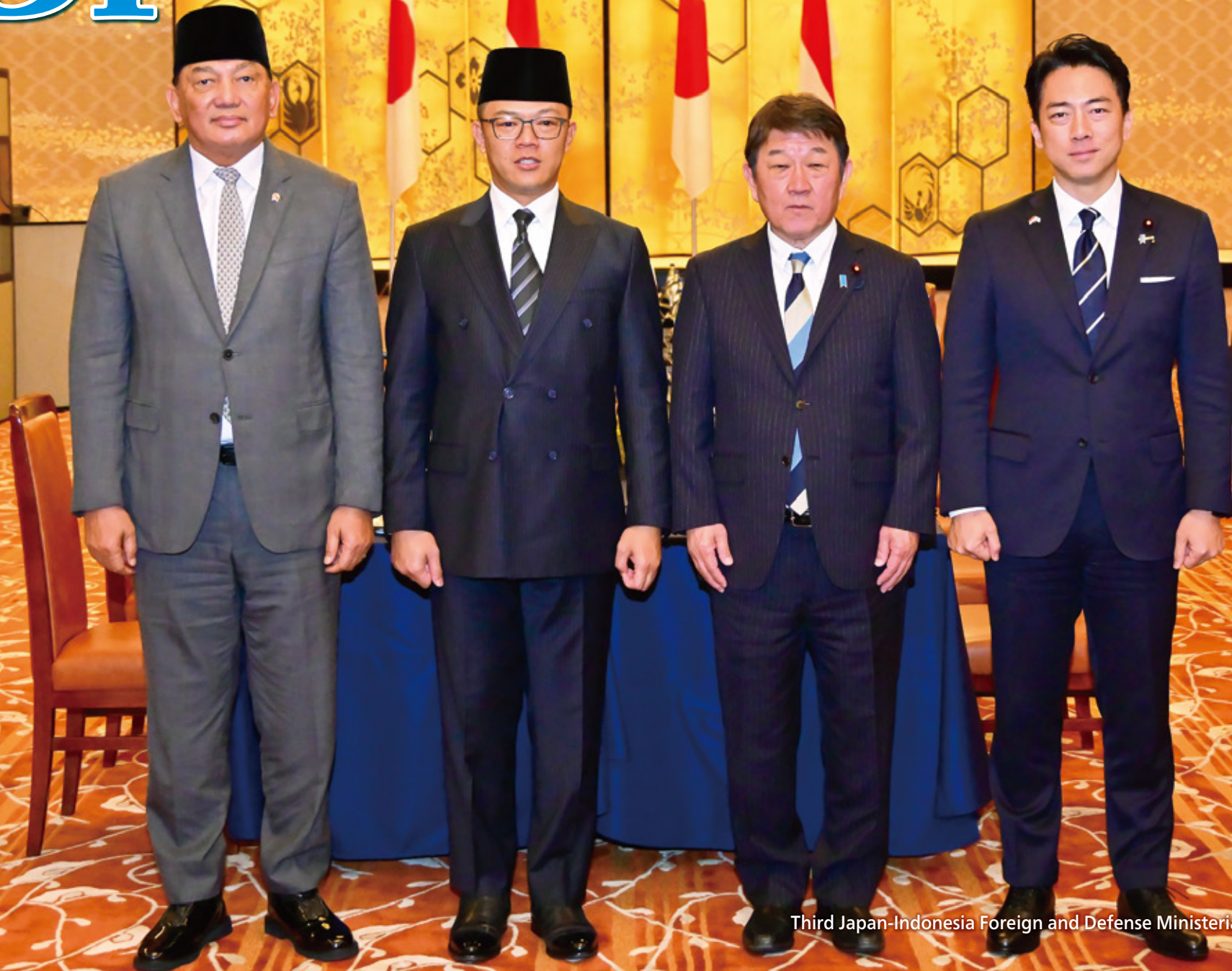




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On November 17, Mr. MOTEGI Toshimitsu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and Mr. KOIZUMI Shinjiro, Minister of Defense of Japan, held the third Japan-Indonesia Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting ("2+2") with H.E. Mr. Sugiono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, and H.E. General (Hon.) Sjafrie Sjamsuddin, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia.

They welcomed the convening of the "2+2" meeting between Japan and Indonesia as comprehensive and strategic partners for the first time in almost four and a half years. Minister MOTEGI stated that it has become increasingly important to strengthen efforts toward the realization of a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)" and that security cooperation between Japan and Indonesia, both of which are democratic and maritime nations, is of great significance.

They shared the recognition on the current international security circumstances that are becoming increasingly severe. They discussed the bilateral security and defense cooperation as well as regional issues and collaboration in international arena, and confirmed their commitment to further reinforcing the cooperation between the two countries with a view to maintaining and strengthening the free and open international order based on the rule of law.

Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting

On the same day, DM Koizumi held a meeting with DM Sjafrie, visiting Japan. At the outset, DM Koizumi emphasized the need to elevate defense cooperation between the two countries to an unprecedented level promptly, to which DM Sjafrie concurred. Building on this, the two sides held concrete discussions on the security environment surrounding both countries and the future direction of defense cooperation and coordination, including various possibilities for the future.

They affirmed to promptly launch, under their ministerial-level dialogue, a "Defense Strategy Dialogue" at the vice-ministerial level on policy matters, including equipment and technology cooperation, as well as a high-level dialogue between the Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff and the Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces. Under what is called the "Integrated Defense Dialogue Mechanism," they also concurred that the two countries will work in a timely manner to translate bilateral cooperation into concrete actions.

They confirmed that unit-to-unit exchanges, including joint exercises, are actively taking place and concurred to hold discussions including on the protection of military information between their defense authorities to enable further operational collaboration.

They visited the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Yokosuka Base to see its vessels and units.



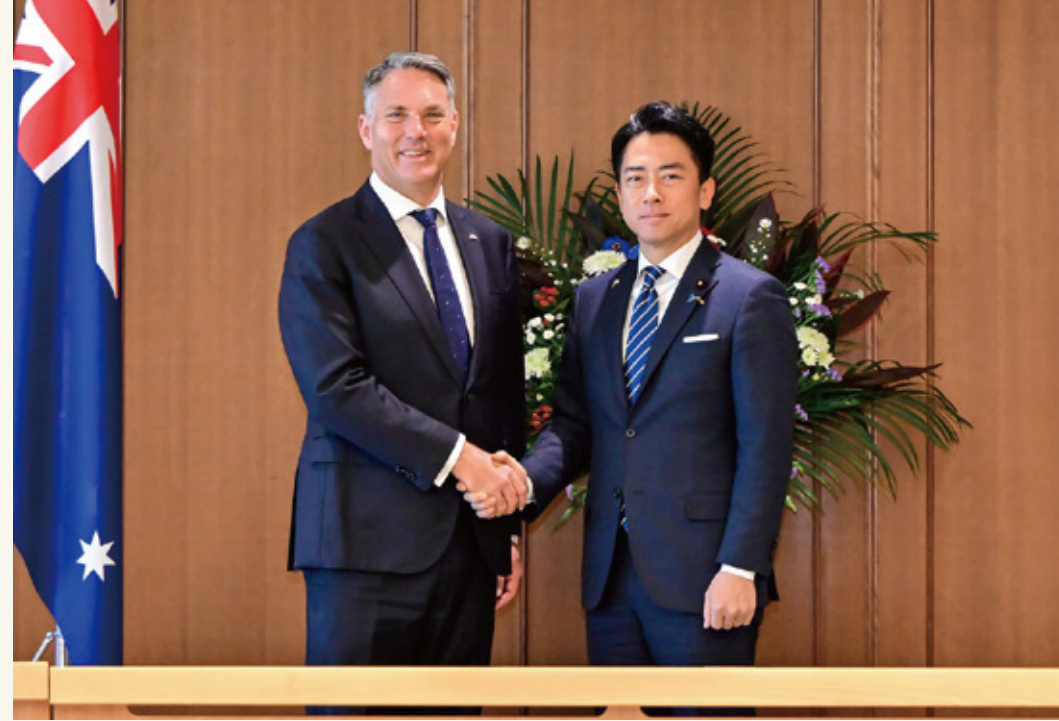
Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting

On December 7, DM Koizumi and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Australia the Hon Richard Marles MP met in Tokyo to hold important discussions regarding Japan-Australia defence relations and the security environment impacting our shared interests.

They emphasised the importance of further strengthening defence cooperation across all areas as Japan and Australia look to elevate our ‘Special Strategic Partnership’ and enhance collective deterrence amid a deteriorating and increasingly complex regional security environment. They reiterated their commitment to increasing Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and Australian Defence Force (ADF) activities in Japan, Australia and the region.

Recognising the important role that Japan and Australia play in upholding regional peace and stability, they announced the establishment of the Framework for Strategic Defence Coordination (FSDC), which will be led by Defence Ministers. The ministerial meeting under FSDC will be convened at least annually or as required, involving relevant officials to support alignment of defence policy and cooperation. In keeping with the vision set out in the 2022 Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation (JDSC), the Framework will enable greater consultation on a range of matters relating to defence policy, intelligence, bilateral and multilateral activities, industry and technology, and capabilities, including space, cyber and integrated air and missile defence, with a view to ensure effective collaboration at all levels and in all situations from peacetime to contingencies, in support of a stable and secure Indo-Pacific. They committed to utilising the Framework and other meetings between Japan and Australia’s Ministers of Defence to further enhance our strategic alignment, and inform updates to our respective strategic documents, including our respective National Defense Strategies.

Aside from the meeting, they deepened their friendship through boarding Mine-Resistant-Ambush-Protected (MRAP) Wheeled Armored Vehicle and Ichigaya run.





Japan-UK-Italy Trilateral Defense Ministerial Meeting

On November 25, DM Koizumi virtually attended the Trilateral Defense Ministerial Meeting via teleconference, with the Rt Hon John Healey MP, Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and H.E. Mr. Guido Crosetto, Minister of Defense of the Italian Republic. At this meeting, they discussed the Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP), a trilateral collaboration to jointly develop the next-generation fighter aircraft.

At the outset, the UK Defence Secretary Healey and the Italian Defense Minister Crosetto expressed their congratulations on the appointment of Mr. Koizumi as Japan's Minister of Defense. In response, DM Koizumi conveyed his intention to work closely with both Ministers to ensure steady progress on GCAP.

They reaffirmed their commitment in the preceding meeting in July to conclude the first international contract between the GCAP International Government Organisation (GIGO) and the Joint Venture Edgewing, and agreed to continue working closely together to finalize the necessary arrangements.

Japan-Greece Defense Ministerial Meeting

On December 4, DM Koizumi held a meeting with Minister of National Defence of Hellenic Republic, Mr. Dendias at Tokyo.

At the outset, DM Koizumi welcomed DM Dendias's visit to Japan. DM Dendias conveyed his appreciation to DM Koizumi for hosting the visit. They welcomed the realization of the first ever Japan-Greece Defense Ministerial Meeting in the bilateral history.

DM Koizumi expressed his gratitude for the great support from the Greek government

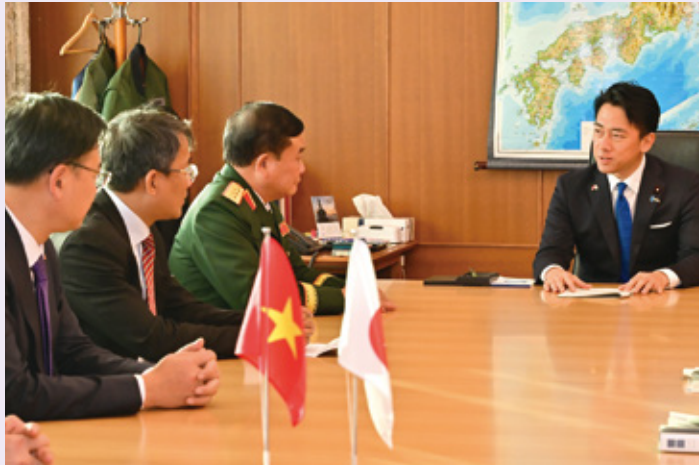
when Japan dispatched JSDF transport aircraft to Greece and stayed there for a long term in preparation for possible sudden changes in the situation after the evacuation of Japanese nationals in Israel in 2023 and in Lebanon in 2024.

They discussed regional affairs and bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges and concurred to further promote defense cooperation and exchanges in various areas.

They concurred to continue to work closely together towards further deepening Japan-Greece relationship.



DM Koizumi Received a Courtesy Call from Senior Lieutenant General and Permanent Deputy Minister of Vietnam



On December 4, DM Koizumi received a courtesy call from Senior LG Chien and Permanent Deputy Minister Vu, both visiting Japan for the 1st Japan-Vietnam Vice-Ministerial Consultation (2+2). MOD/JSDF will, hand in hand with the diplomatic authorities, continue to advance defense cooperation with Vietnam.

DM Koizumi Received a Courtesy Call from Lieutenant General Jost, Commander, USFJ



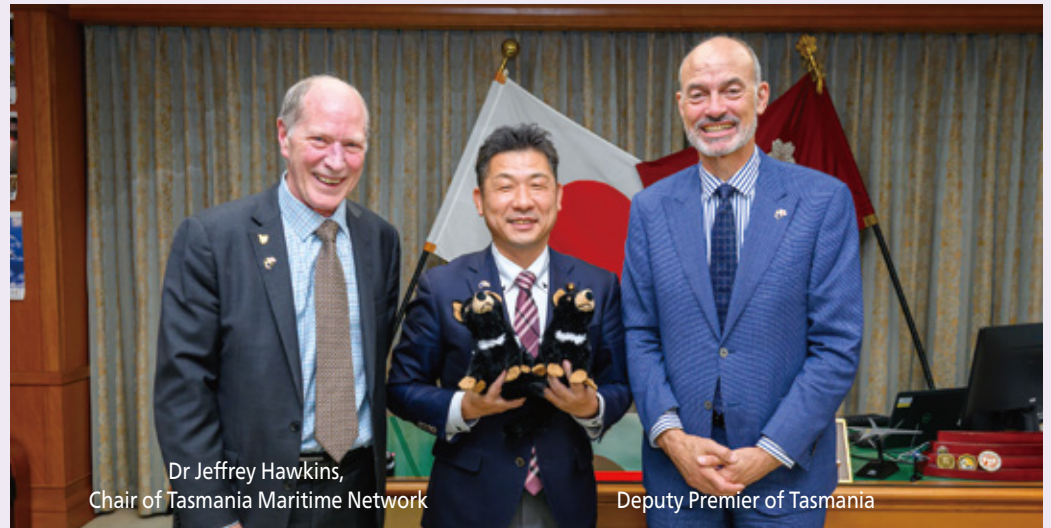
On November 26, DM Koizumi received a courtesy call from Lieutenant General Jost, Commander, United States Forces Japan and the 5th Air Force. As the role of the Alliance becomes increasingly significant, they reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the Alliance under their leadership and appreciated candid, transparent communication.



PVM Wakabayashi Received a Courtesy Call from Deputy Premier of Tasmania



On November 26, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense Wakabayashi received a courtesy call from Hon Barnett MP, Deputy Premier of Tasmania (on the right). PVM Wakabayashi welcomed Deputy Premier and they exchanged views on Japan-Australia defense cooperation from various perspectives.



Dr Jeffrey Hawkins,
Chair of Tasmania Maritime Network

Deputy Premier of Tasmania

Chief of Staff, JJS, received a courtesy call from Air Marshal Allan MARSHALL, Air and Space Commander of the Royal Air Force

On December 3, General Uchikura, chief of staff, Japan Joint Staff (JJS), received a courtesy call from Air Marshal Allan MARSHALL, Air and Space Commander of the Royal Air Force. Gen Uchikura referred to the deployment of Air Self-Defense Force fighter aircraft to the European region during friendly visit to North America and Europe “Atlantic Eagles” conducted from September to October this year, expressing gratitude for the support provided by the Royal Air Force at the time and welcoming it as a symbol of strengthened Japan-UK cooperation.



Video Conference between Chief of Staff, JASDF, and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force

On November 26, General Morita, Chief of Staff, JASDF, held talks via video conference with General Kenneth S. Wilsbach, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, who assumed the



position on November 3. During the meeting, Gen Morita conveyed congratulations on Gen Wilsbach's appointment and affirmed that they would further deepen relations as Chiefs of Staff of JASDF and the U.S. Air Force. They also exchanged views on the areas of cooperation between the two air services to further strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.

The JASDF will continue working closely with the U.S. Air Force to further enhance the deterrence and response capabilities of the alliance, thereby contributing to regional peace and stability.

Chief of Staff, JASDF's Visit to Commonwealth of Australia

From November 9 to 13, General Morita, Chief of Staff, JASDF, visited Australia on the invitation of Air Marshal Stephen Chappell, DSC, CSC, OAM, Chief of the Royal Australian Air Force.

During the visit to Australia, Gen Morita engaged in discussions and exchanged views with Air Marshal Chappell and senior officials of the Royal Australian Air Force. They shared the recognition that interoperability and mutual trust between the two air services have been strengthened through cooperation in various fields, including Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training



“Bushido Guardian 25,” conducted at Misawa Air Base from September to October 2025, as well as other unit-level exchanges and initiatives related to unmanned aerial systems. They reaffirmed their commitment to further advancing defense cooperation and exchanges.

Gen Morita also visited RAAF Base Amberley, where he observed aircraft operated by the Royal Australian Air Force as well as the MQ-28A collaborative combat aircraft currently under development by Australia, and deepened his understanding of the air force and its equipment.



Chief of Staff, JGSDF's Official Visit to Italy

From November 23 to 27, GEN Arai, CS, JGSDF, officially visited Italy and the visit as his assignment had been realized for the first time in 2 years. During the talks with Lieutenant General Masiello, the Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, both sides shared views on the strategic environment and exchanged candid opinions on the future direction of JPN - ITA land forces cooperation.



Chief of Staff, JJS, visited Qatar and Jordan, and observed the FY2025 Joint Exercise Overseas



From November 27 to 30, Gen Uchikura, CSJJS, officially visited State of Qatar at the invitation of Lt Gen Jassim bin Mohammed Al-Mannai, Chief of Staff of Qatar Armed Forces. He also visited Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to observe Joint Exercise Overseas (JXO) conducted by JSDF and to have a meeting with Maj Gen Yousef Ahmed Al-Hnaity, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Jordan Armed Forces. This is the first official visit by CSJJS to State of Qatar and the first visit to Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in two years.

In Qatar, Gen Uchikura had a meeting with Lt Gen Al-Mannai and shared the recognition that the stability of the Middle Eastern region is linked to the stability of the world. They also agreed that they will continue to

further strengthen defense cooperation and exchanges between the two countries, including in the areas of training, exercises and education.

Gen Uchikura also paid a courtesy call on Saoud bin Abdulrahman bin Hassan bin Ali Al-Thani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs. They welcomed the progress in defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and Qatar.

Furthermore, he toured fighter aircraft and exchanged opinions on topics such as human resource development in Dukhan Air base. Gen Uchikura also toured the Combined Air Operations Center, U.S. Air Forces Central in Al Udeid Air base and had a meeting with Maj Gen David G. Shoemaker, Deputy commander U.S. 9th Air Force (U.S. Air Forces Central).

In Jordan, Gen Uchikura observed Joint Exercise Overseas conducted for the first time in three years, and encouraged the personnel participating in the exercise.

Additionally, he had a meeting with Maj Gen Yousef Ahmed Al-Hnaity, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Jordan Armed Forces. In the meeting, he expressed his gratitude for the support and understanding of Jordan Armed Forces regarding the implementation of this JXO and Rescue and Transportation of Japanese Nationals and Others Overseas in October last year. They also shared the views on the current security environment, including the situation in the Middle East.



Japan-Indonesia Goodwill Exercise

On November 20, the JMSDF conducted a goodwill exercise with the Indonesian Navy to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”



TOKYO 2025 Deaflympics

On November 15 and 16, JGSDF, JMSDF and JASDF contributed to the successful operation of the TOKYO 2025 Deaflympics, by raising and lowering of the national and Deaflympic flags at the opening and closing ceremonies.



Multilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) Training in Micronesia and Other Countries (Christmas Drop)

From December 3 to 16, the JASDF conducted multilateral HA/DR training with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and other air forces in order to improve interoperability between JASDF and USAF, as well as strengthen cooperation with other participating air forces.



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