



## Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting at Yokosuka



On January 30, DM Koizumi welcomed Mr. Ahn Gyu-Back, Minister of National Defense, ROK at Yokosuka and held a meeting. They concurred on continuing Japan-ROK and Japan-US-ROK defense cooperation, especially holding mutual visits and ministerial meetings annually.

During the meeting, DM Koizumi and Minister Ahn welcomed the ROKAF Black Eagles Acrobat Team's first visit to Japan and the team's first exchange with JASDF Blue Impulse.



## Davos Conference 2026

### 1 Davos Conference

From January 20 to 21, DM Koizumi joined the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, also known as Davos Conference, held in Davos, Switzerland, for the first time as Defense Minister of Japan. At the Country Strategy Dialogue on Japan on January 20, he explained Japan's security and defense policies to the participants from various countries.



### 2 Meeting with Ministers etc. (Jan 20-21)

#### (1) Meeting with Minister of Defence, Federal Councilor Martin Pfister of Switzerland

Both Ministers discussed regional affairs, and confirmed that the security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable. As Japan and Switzerland share common values such as rules-based international order, both Ministers concurred that they would continue cooperation.



#### (2) Meeting with Minister of Defence of the Netherlands, Mr. Ruben Brekelmans

DM Koizumi welcomed the Netherlands' strengthening of its engagement to the Indo-Pacific in a tangible manner, and discussed bilateral defense cooperation. Both Ministers welcomed the signing of ACSA the other day, and concurred to further advance bilateral defense cooperation.



#### (3) Meeting with Secretary General of NATO, Mr. Mark Rutte

DM Koizumi and Secretary General Rutte discussed regional affairs and Japan-NATO cooperation. Both sides confirmed that the security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable and concurred to further advance defense cooperation under the recognition that Japan-NATO cooperation is strategically important.



# Munich Security Conference



On February 13, DM Koizumi made a speech on Japan's security and defense policy and joined a dialogue. He reaffirmed Japan's strong commitment to contributing to peace and stability in the international community.

And DM Koizumi held meetings with defense ministers, etc.



## 1 Japan-UK Defense Ministerial Meeting on Feb.13

DM Koizumi met with the Rt Hon John Healey MP, Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom. They confirmed security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, and agreed to keep close coordination to further advance cooperation across a broad range of areas, including GCAP.



## 2 Meeting with Members of the U.S. Senate on Feb.13

DM Koizumi met with a group of U.S. senators (Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Sen. Thomas Tillis, Sen. Mark Kelly, and Sen. Ruben Gallego). In the meeting, they exchanged candid views on regional security developments and further strengthening of the Japan-U.S. Alliance, and reaffirmed their commitment to working together for peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.



## 3 Meeting with NATO Secretary General Rutte on Feb.13

DM Koizumi met with H.E. Mr. Mark Rutte, Secretary General of NATO. Following their meeting in Davos last month, they confirmed security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, and concurred to work together to further strengthen Japan-NATO cooperation



## 4 Japan-New Zealand Defense Ministerial Meeting on Feb.13

DM Koizumi met with the Hon Judith Collins, NZ Minister of Defence. They confirmed security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, and confirmed that they would work together to promote cooperation with NATO and European countries as a member of IP4.



## 5 Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting on Feb.13

DM Koizumi met with H.E. Mr. Guido Crosetto, Minister of Defence of the Italian Republic. They welcomed their first face-to-face meeting and confirmed that they would further advance defense cooperation and continue to work together toward the success of GCAP.



## 6 Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting on Feb.13

DM Koizumi met with the Hon. David J. McGuinty, Minister of National Defence of Canada. They welcomed the enactment of the Japan-Canada Information Security Agreement and confirmed that they would further deepen defense cooperation and exchanges, and work closely together toward the realization of a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."



## 7 Japan-Germany Defense Ministerial Meeting on Feb.14

DM Koizumi met with H.E. Boris Pistorius, Federal Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany. They confirmed they would further deepen defense cooperation including Japan-NATO framework and continue to work closely, under the shared recognition that security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable.



## 8 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting on Feb.14

DM Koizumi held a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Australia the Hon Richard Marles MP. They agreed to work together to elevate the Special Strategic Partnership in 2026, the 50th anniversary of Japan-Australia Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.

Before this meeting, they went for an early morning run in Munich together. The run was second time since last December. They further strengthen mutual trust between Japan-Australia running together.



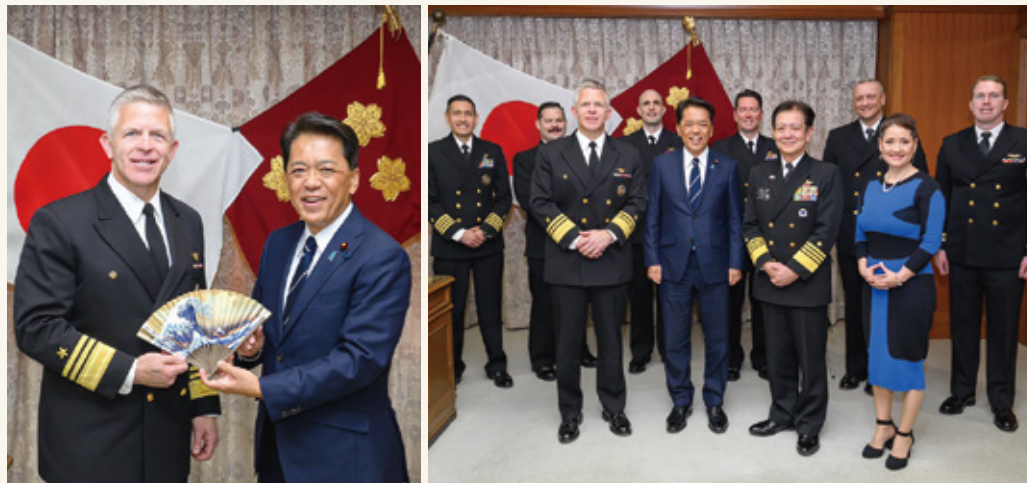
## 9 Meeting with EU HRVP Kallas on Feb.14

DM Koizumi met with H.E. Ms. Kaja Kallas, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission (HRVP). They welcomed the progress of Japan-EU defense cooperation and reaffirmed close collaboration under the "Japan-EU Security and Defence Partnership."



## Courtesy Call from Commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet to SMOD

On January 21, the State Minister of Defense Miyazaki welcomed VADM Patrick J. Hanifin, Commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, and conveyed his appreciation for the Seventh Fleet's continued efforts and its role in demonstrating unwavering commitment to regional peace and stability. They also confirmed their continued close cooperation.



## Courtesy Call from U.S. Under Secretary of the Air Force to PVMD Yoshida

On February 2, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense Yoshida received a courtesy call from Mr. Matthew Lohmeier, U.S. Under Secretary of the Air Force. Parliamentary Vice-Minister Yoshida welcomed Under Secretary Lohmeier, and they discussed a wide range of topics such as bilateral cooperation, particularly in the air and space domains. They also confirmed to work together to further strengthen deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.



## U.S. Under Secretary of War for Policy Hon. Elbridge Colby's visit to MOD

On January 28, the Hon. Elbridge Colby, the U.S. Under Secretary of War for Policy, visited Ministry of Defense. Vice-Minister of Defense Yamato received a courtesy call, and Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs Kano held a meeting with Under Secretary Colby.

In the meetings, they discussed increasingly severe security situation in the Indo-Pacific region, and based on the outcomes of the Defense Ministerial Meeting held on January 15th, they confirmed the critical role both countries play to reinforce the Japan-U.S. Alliance capabilities to deter and respond.



## Japan-U.S. Bilateral Joint Command Post Exercise (CPX) for FY2025

JSDF conducted the Japan-U.S. Bilateral Joint Command Post Exercise (CPX) for FY2025 from January 29 to February 5.

Through this exercise, Japan, the United States, and Australia worked together and gained numerous achievements and lessons for ensuring peace and security of Japan with seamless readiness in an increasingly diverse and complex security environment.

During this exercise, the Chief of the Joint Staff and the Joint Operations Commander held discussions with Lieutenant General Stephen F. Jost, Commander of U.S. Forces Japan. Bilateral Joint Command Post Exercise. They engaged in in depth discussions.

JSDF will continue to work to strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance and enhance our joint and integrated operational capabilities, in order to protect the lives and livelihoods of the Japanese people.

JSDF will also maintain close cooperation among Japan, the United States, and Australia.



## SMOD's visit to Poland

From February 10 to 11, Sate Minister of Defense Miyazaki visited Poland and met with Secretary of State Pawel Zalewski. They exchanged views on bilateral defense cooperation including regional security environment and support for Ukraine under the international environment that security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, and they concurred to further promote bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges in various areas.

During the visit, SMOD Miyazaki visited the 1st Warsaw Armored Brigade, where he received a briefing on their missions and activities, and observed armored vehicles. He also visited the tomb of an unknown soldier in Warsaw and laid a wreath on behalf of Japan Ministry of Defense and Japan Self-Defense Forces.

Additionally, SMOD Miyazaki visited Camp Jomsborg in Lipa and Ukraine aid hub in Rzeszów, where many aid supplies to Ukraine from JMOD/-JSDF pass through. At both sites he received briefings on the outline of both facilities and exchanged their views.



## CSJJS Gen Uchikura attended an in-person NATO and selected partner Chiefs of Defence (CHODs) engagement

From January 21 to 22, CSJJS Gen Uchikura attended an in-person NATO and selected partner Chiefs of Defence (CHODs) engagement held in Brussels, Belgium. In the sessions and bilateral meetings, discussions were held on the future direction of cooperation between Japan and NATO, as well as with individual NATO member countries. As many questions and comments were raised by participating countries regarding the security environment in the Indo-Pacific region, a high level of interest in the region within NATO was confirmed.

Last year, from July to August, Spanish frigate SPS MÉNDEZ NÚÑES, UK aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales, and Norwegian frigate HNoMS Roald Amundsen, among others, made successive port calls in Japan. In addition, in September, as "Atlantic Eagles," Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-15 fighters conducted Friendly visits to the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany. 2025 was a year in which cooperation between Japan and NATO member countries stood out prominently.

Security in the Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic is inseparable and indivisible. JJS will continue to deepen cooperation with NATO and its member countries.



## State Minister of Defense Miyazaki's visit to Naha Air Base Welcoming ROKAF Black Eagles



On January 28, Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) aerobatic team “Black Eagles,” landed at JASDF Naha Air Base and SMOD Miyazaki welcomed the team. JMOD/-JSDF will boost Japan-ROK defense cooperation.



## Unit-to-unit exchange with the Republic of Korea Air Force



On the same day, ROKAF aerobatic team “Black Eagles” conducted first-ever unit-to-unit exchange with the JASDF aerobatic team “Blue Impulse.” Airmen from both air services deepened mutual understanding through exchanges of views on aerobatic flight and mutual static display tours.

This marks the first case of defense cooperation and exchange between the two air services in a year expected to see Japan-ROK relations develop to greater height, starting with the Japan-ROK Summit Meeting held in January.

As the regional security environment becomes increasingly severe and complex, and as the importance of Japan-ROK and Japan-ROK-U.S. cooperation continues to grow, JASDF will continue to contribute to regional peace and stability, as well as the realization of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, through cooperation with ROKAF.



## Exercise North Wind 26

From January 22 to February 2, JGSDF has been conducting Exercise North Wind 26 at the Hokkaido Maneuvering Area and other locations. Through this exercise, JGSDF is enhancing Japan-U.S. interoperability in cold and snowy environments, while also strengthening coordination with the Canadian Armed Forces, which is newly participating this year.

Also, JGSDF has deepened our mutual trustworthiness with like-minded countries through training observation and opinion exchange with observers from the Finnish Army and the British Army.

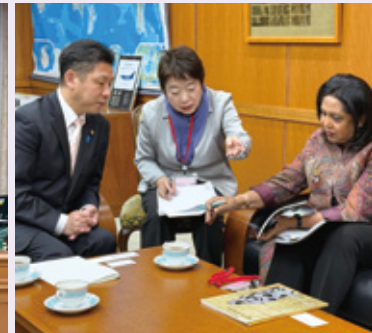
On January 31, a joint training observation was carried out by Canadian Ambassador to Japan Ian G. McKay, LTG Idogawa CG of North Army, LTG Tokunaga VCS of JGSDF, BG Doohan CG of US Army Japan, MG Cogbill CG of 11th Airborne Division, and MG Boivin Deputy Commander of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Through this observation, JGSDF confirmed continued enhancement of our combined operational capabilities in cold and snowy environments. Also, JGSDF shared understanding of the importance of further strengthening cooperation with allies and like-minded partners, including the Canadian Armed Forces who participated in this exercise for the first time.



## Courtesy Call from UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict to PVM Wakabayashi

On January 28, PVM Wakabayashi, Chief of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Promotion Headquarters, received a courtesy call from Ms. Pramila Patten, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict. They exchanged views on advancing WPS.



## JMOD/JSDF members received medals from Ukraine

On January 14, JMOD/JSDF have provided prosthetic legs and arms, as well as rehabilitation, to 17 injured Ukrainian soldiers. In recognition of these efforts, medals were awarded to JSDF personnel etc. by the Ambassador of Ukraine to Japan on behalf of the Ukrainian Minister of Defence.



## Chief of Staff, JGSDF attended the promotion ceremony of Commanding General of USARJ

On February 2, GEN Arai, Chief of Staff, JGSDF, attended the promotion ceremony of MG Dooghan, Commanding General of USARJ, who was promoted from BG. GEN Arai extended his words to MG Dooghan to congratulate on his promotion, and commended his contributions to enhancing Japan-US cooperation.

GEN Arai also conveyed his intention to continue to collaborate closely with him to further enhance bilateral cooperation.

In addition, GEN Arai held a bilateral meeting with GEN Clark, Commanding General of USARPAC, who was visiting Japan. They discussed the achievements of Japan-US collaboration in 2025 and the direction of 2026 including strengthening Land Power Network through Land Power Forum in Japan in December 2025, and collaboration between Cross Domain Operations and Multi Domain Operation in YS exercise in 2026.

JGSDF will continue to strengthen mutual trust through high-level engagements between the Japan-US land forces.



## Chief of Staff, JGSDF held the VTC with Chief of the German Army

On February 3, GEN Arai, Chief of Staff, JGSDF, held his first dialogue by VTC with LTGEN Christian FREUDING, Chief of the German Army.

They exchanged views on the security environment surrounding the two nations, and agreed that strengthening the Japan-Germany relationship was important for peace and stability of the international community. They shared the importance of building up Japan-Germany Land forces defense cooperation for enhancing friendly relations of both countries.



## Chief of Staff, JMSDF's Visit to Indonesia

From February 4 to 7, JMSDF Chief ADM Saito visited Indonesia, meeting Defense Minister Sjafrie and Navy Chief ADM Ali. Japan Indonesia shared regional views and agreed to strengthen naval ties. JMSDF praised Indonesia's role in securing key sea lanes and confirmed cooperation toward Free and Open Indo Pacific.



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