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The 3rd Japan Pacific Islands Defense Dialogue (JPIDD)

Feb 2026, Tokyo



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Japan hosted the 3rd Japan Pacific Islands Defense Dialogue (JPIDD) on Feb.23

A total of 28 countries and one organization, including defense ministers from Fiji, PNG and Tonga, as well as representatives from, Pacific Islands Countries, partner countries, and ASEAN member states.

DM Koizumi delivered a keynote address at the 3rd JPIDD in which he expressed Japan's determination of safeguarding the Pacific as a "Ocean of Peace" by connecting people, connecting crisis response, and connecting resilience.



DM Koizumi held meetings with Pacific Islands

1 Japan-Tonga 🇯🇵 🇹🇴 Defense Ministerial Meeting

DM Koizumi held a meeting with HRH Crown Prince Tupouto'a 'Ulukalala. The two Ministers, wishing for the academic success of Tongan cadets in Japan's National Defense Academy, performed a daruma eye-painting ceremony together.



2 Japan-PNG 🇯🇵 🇵🇬 Defense Ministerial Meeting

DM Koizumi held a meeting with Minister Joseph of PNG. At the outset, the JSDF military band, which has supported the development of the PNG military band, gave a performance, highlighting the strong bonds between the two countries.



3 Japan-Fiji 🇯🇵 🇫🇯 Defense Ministerial Meeting

DM Koizumi held a meeting with Minister Tikoduadua of Fiji. They welcomed the steady development of defense cooperation between Japan-Fiji, and gave Fiji's international cadets in Japan's National Defense Academy rugby balls with the Ministers' autograph as a gift.



Defense Ministers in JPIDD



SMOD Miyazaki Participated in the 3rd JPIDD

On February 22, at the welcome reception of the JPIDD, State Minister of Defense (SMOD) Miyazaki welcomed representatives from PICs including the Defense Ministers of Tonga, PNG and Fiji, as well as representatives from regional partners and ASEAN members.

SMOD Miyazaki also held a meeting with the Secretary of Justice of Micronesia, Bacalando, visiting Japan for JPIDD. They welcomed the steady development of defense cooperation between Japan and Micronesia and concurred on strengthening collaboration in the maritime security field.

On February 23, SMOD Miyazaki participated in the 3rd JPIDD and served as a chair in the plenary session.



PVM Wakabayashi boarded Hyuga with JPIDD participants

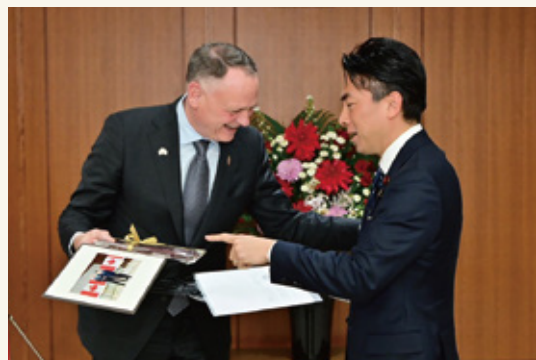
The Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense (PVM) Wakabayashi boarded JS Hyuga at Yokosuka Base along with the participants of the 3rd JPIDD.

Japan will further strengthen cooperation with JPIDD participating countries.



Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting

On March 6, DM Koizumi held a Ministerial meeting with the Hon. David J. McGuinty, Minister of National Defence of Canada. They discussed regional situation, including those currently surrounding Iran, as well as the Indo-Pacific region, and bilateral defense cooperation. Japan and Canada will deepen defense cooperation and exchanges.



Meeting between Defense Minister Koizumi and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland GUNNARSDÓTTIR

On February 19, DM Koizumi met with H.E. Ms. GUNNARSDÓTTIR, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland. Both Ministers welcomed the development of cooperation through the Demining Coalition which is aimed at supporting for Ukraine, and confirmed to deepen Japan-Iceland defense cooperation and exchanges.



Courtesy Call from Australia Ambassador — Designate to DM Koizumi

On March 6, DM Koizumi received a call by H.E. Mr. SHEARER, Ambassador-Designate of Australia to Japan. They agreed to continue working together to advance defense cooperation across all areas in 2026, marking the 50th anniversary of Japan-Australia Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.



SMD Miyazaki see the Mogami-class frigate JS Kumano off

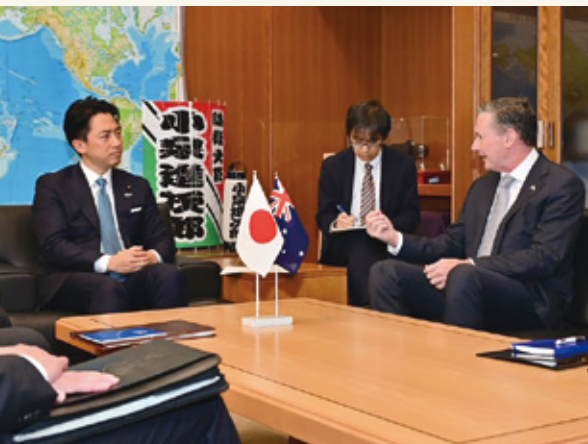
On March 4, the Mogami-class frigate JS Kumano sailed out of Yokosuka for deployment to Australia, SMD Miyazaki and Australian Ambassador-Designate to Japan H.E. Mr. Shearer saw her off. Japan will deepen cooperation with Australia and partners for the peace and stability of the Indo-Pacific.



JMSDF to Join an RAN-led International Fleet Review and Multilateral Exercises

JS KUMANO departed Yokosuka for Japan Frigate Training 2026 to Australia. JMSDF will join an RAN-led International Fleet Review and multilateral exercises. In order to realize Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP), JMSDF will further deepen our cooperation with the other navies.





NATO Deputy Secretary General met with DM Koizumi



On Mar 5, DM Koizumi met with NATO Deputy Secretary General Sekerinska.

They exchanged views on regional security, including the Middle East, and defense policy, and confirmed progress in cooperation with NATO, which is strategically important.



NATO Deputy Secretary General inspected JASDF PAC-3



During her visit to the JMOD, NATO Deputy Secretary General Sekerinska inspected the JASDF Ichigaya air defense missile unit's Patriot surface-to-air missile system (PAC-3) and received briefings on Japan's security environment by Vice-Minister of Defense for International Affairs Kano. We will continue close cooperation with NATO.



NATO Deputy Secretary General visited Atugi



NATO Deputy Secretary General Sekerinska visited Naval Air Facility Atsugi with PVM Yoshida on Mar 6. They also visited Synspecive Yamato Technology Center, where it works in satellite research and development in the space defense industry, and received a briefing.



Meeting with Counselor of the U.S. Department of State and Director, Office of Policy Planning, Mr. Michael Needham

On February 25, DM Koizumi met with Mr. Michael Needham, Counselor of the U.S. Department of State and Director, Office of Policy Planning. They shared views on the challenging security environment surrounding the Alliance and held a candid exchange of views aimed at further strengthening the Alliance.



Courtesy Call from Chief of the Mongolia General Staff to PVM Wakabayashi

On February 25, PVM Wakabayashi received a courtesy call from LTG GAN-BYANMBA, Chief of the Mongolia General Staff, and concurred to further promote defense cooperation and exchanges in a wide range of areas including high-level exchanges.



PVM Yoshida visited Camp Foster and Kadena Air Base

On March 11, PVM Yoshida visited Camp Foster and Kadena Air Base. He expressed his respect and appreciation for the dedication of the US forces. He discussed strengthening the Alliance's capabilities to deter and respond, and fostering harmony with the local community.



CSJJS Gen Uchikura officially invited Chief of the Mongolia General Staff to Japan.



From February 24 to 26, Chief of Staff, Japan Joint Staff (CSJJS) Gen Uchikura officially invited LTG GANBYANMBA, Chief of the Mongolia General Staff to Japan and held the in-person meeting at JJS in Ichigaya, Tokyo. This marked the third visit to Japan by Chief of the Mongolia General Staff.

During the meeting, they shared their views on the increasingly severe international security environment, and exchanged views on the direction of bilateral defense cooperation, including personnel exchanges, capacity-building, and cooperation in the field of cyber security.

In addition to such high-level exchanges, JSDF and the Mongolian Armed Forces have been engaged in a wide range of defense cooperation activities, including participation in the multinational exercise Khaan Quest, wide range of exchanges among the respective services, and the dispatch of international students to the National Defense Academy of Japan and other institutions, thereby building a defense cooperation relationship across multiple fields.

Taking this visit to Japan by LTG GANBYANMBA as an opportunity to further develop Japan-Mongolia defense cooperation, JSDF will continue to promote the strengthening of mutual understanding and trust between the two countries.

Chief of Staff, JGSDF's VTC with Chief of the French Army



GEN Arai, Chief of Staff, JGSDF, held his first dialogue by VTC with GEN Pierre SCHILL, Chief of the French Army. They exchanged views on the security environment surrounding two nations, and shared that Japan-France relationship was important for peace and stability of the international community. They agreed to continue developing cooperation between Japan-France land forces to strengthen bilateral relation.



Dharma Guardian 25 (Feb. 24 to Mar. 8)



JGSDF conducted mop-up training for counter-terrorism operations during the field training exercise with the Indian Army "Dharma Guardian 25".

Through bilateral training with India on air infiltration and indoor storming procedures, including live-fire exercises, the JGSDF and Indian Army shared their respective know-how, thereby enhancing operational capabilities and tactical skills related to counter-terrorism operations.

And JGSDF also conducted drone training and counter drone training under a counter terrorism scenario.

Through the mutual sharing of expertise on supporting deployed units via real time video transmission and on procedures for neutralizing hostile drones, the JGSDF aims to enhance operational capabilities and tactical proficiency aligned with the modern operational environment.



Iron Fist 26 (Feb. 11 to Mar.9)

JGSDF conducted bilateral training on necessary actions for amphibious operations, including air mobility using the V-22 (MV-22) Osprey and the Littoral Explosive Ordnance Neutralization, during the bilateral exercise “Iron Fist 26.”

Through these cross-domain training, they are enhancing bilateral interoperability.

Furthermore, by inviting observers from various countries to the exercise, they promoted their understanding of the efforts of bilateral forces toward peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.



ROKAF Black Eagles and C-130 visited Naha Air Base

On February 24, ROKAF Black Eagles and C-130 visited Naha Air Base. JASDF has provided refueling support and conducted a Japan-ROK C-130 unit-level exchange. JASDF will continue to work together with ROKAF to further strengthen our cooperation.



JASDF transport aircraft visited Norway for the first time

On Mar 6, JASDF transport aircraft visited Norway for the first time and received Joint Strike Missiles. This visit symbolizes the deepening of Japan-Norway defense cooperation & exchanges, which followed the Norwegian Navy Frigate's port calls on Japan in 2025. JMOD/JASDF will closely cooperate with Norway.



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