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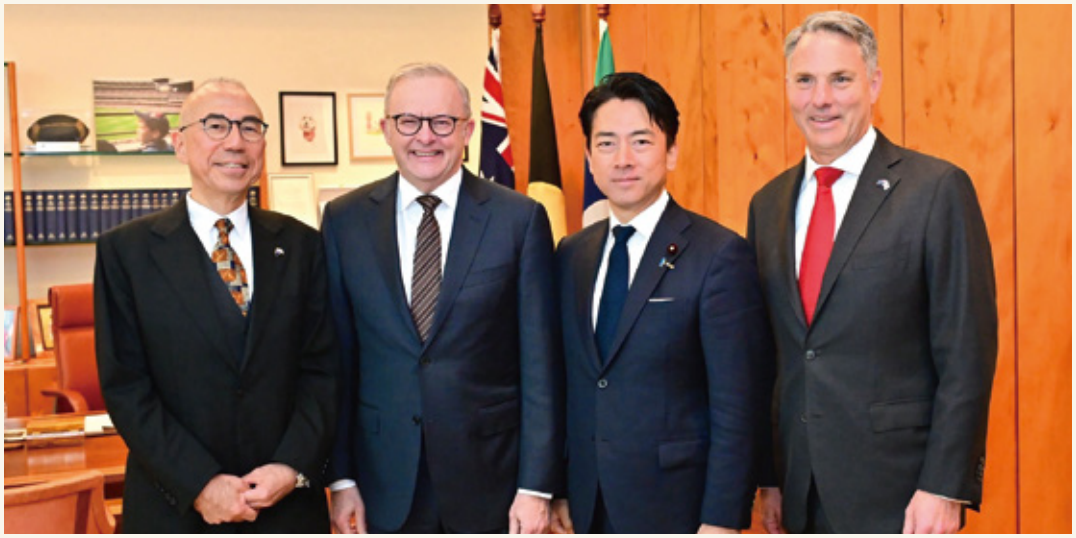
1 Visit to Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HQJOC)

On August 18, DM Koizumi visited the Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HQJOC) of the Australian Defence Force, located near Canberra. During the visit, he received a briefing from Commander, Joint Operations Vice Admiral Justin Jones and exchanged views.

2 Courtesy Call on Prime Minister of Australia

DM Koizumi paid a courtesy call on the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia at the Australian Parliament House. DM Koizumi highlighted the deepening Japan-Australia defense cooperation across a wide range of areas and conveyed his intention to continue working closely with Deputy Prime Minister Marles.





3 Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting

On the same day, DM Koizumi held a Japan-Australia Defense Ministerial Meeting with the Hon. Richard Marles MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Australia, at the Australian Parliament House. The two Ministers confirmed their intention to further strengthen Japan-Australia defense cooperation and issued a Joint Statement following the meeting.



In the Joint Statement, the Ministers welcomed substantial, measurable progress across five vital areas of defense cooperation identified by their leaders: increased information and intelligence cooperation; collaborating to deliver Australia's general purpose frigates; co-development and co-production of defense capabilities; testing new equipment, advanced weapons and emerging technologies; and enhanced training and exercises.



DM Koizumi's Visit to India

1 Visit to the Indian Navy's Western Naval Command (Mumbai)

On August 19, DM Koizumi visited the Indian Navy's Western Command in Mumbai. After discussions with Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, and Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, he toured INS Chennai.







3 Courtesy Call on Prime Minister of India

On the same day, DM Koizumi paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India. They reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening Japan-India defense cooperation.





2 Japan-India Defense Ministerial Meeting





On August 20, DM Koizumi held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister of India.

The two Ministers concurred on the importance of sharing assessments of the regional and international security environment between the two countries at a time of heightened global tensions. They expressed their strong opposition to any unilateral actions that impede freedom and safety of navigation and overflight, as well as to any attempts to change the status-quo by force or coercion.

They concurred on deepening operational cooperation in the field of maritime security in a practical and effective manner. They accordingly affirmed their commitment to strengthening Maritime Security Cooperation and signed the Memorandum of Arrangement on Maritime Security Cooperation between the Ministry of Defense of Japan and Ministry of Defence of India.

The Memorandum provides a framework for further advancing cooperation between the two countries in the field of maritime security. Specifically, it includes the strengthening of cooperation between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Indian Navy, including information sharing in the field of Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), as well as enhanced cooperation in areas such as Search and Rescue (SAR) and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).





Courtesy Call by Ambassador of India to Japan on DM Koizumi

On August 7, DM Koizumi received a courtesy call from H.E. Ms. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, Ambassador of India to Japan. They reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen Japan-India defense cooperation.





JS Chokai Conducted a Tomahawk Flight Test



After JS Chokai conducted a Tomahawk flight test in the Pacific Ocean on July 29 (Japan Standard Time), DM Koizumi held a video teleconference with the ship's crew on August 3 and received a report on the test. The flight test, conducted with support from the U.S. Navy, confirmed the ship's capability to conduct an actual missile launch and the proficiency of its crew. The MOD regards the execution of the Tomahawk flight test as a demonstration of the steady progress of the Tomahawk program and will continue its efforts toward the early establishment of stand-off defense capabilities.





Japan-Belgium Defense Ministerial Meeting

On August 31, DM Koizumi held a Defense Ministerial Meeting with H.E. Mr. Theo Francken, Minister of Defence and Foreign Trade of Belgium.

At the outset, DM Koizumi extended his congratulations on the 160th anniversary of Japan-Belgium friendship and on the appointment of Belgium's first Defense Attaché to Japan, while welcoming the first visit to Japan by a Belgian Minister of Defence. The two Ministers also shared the view that the meeting provided an important opportunity to further advance Japan-Belgium defense cooperation.

The two Ministers exchanged views on Japan-Belgium defense cooperation and exchanges. Recognizing that the security of the Euro-Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific is inseparable, they concurred on continuing to work closely together and further deepening defense cooperation and exchanges between the two countries.

They also shared their views on regional security issues and reaffirmed their opposition to unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion. They further confirmed that they would work together to uphold and strengthen a free and open international order based on the rule of law.







Return of JS Chokai



On August 30, JS Chokai returned to Sasebo for the first time in a year after completing the ship modifications and crew training, conducted with support from the U.S. Navy since September 2025, to acquire Tomahawk launch capability.

On that day, PVM Wakabayashi visited JMSDF Sasebo Naval Base and attended the homecoming ceremony for JS Chokai. He expressed his appreciation for the crew's dedicated service. During his visit, he received reports on the activities of the Sasebo District, including its disaster relief operation in response to the 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake at the HQ Sasebo District.



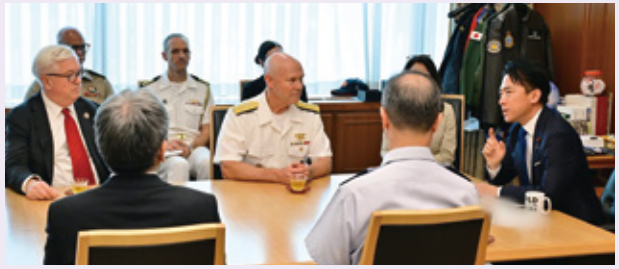




Commander, USSOCOM, Visited the MOD

On August 17, DM Koizumi received a courtesy call from ADM Bradley, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). He expressed his expectations for the special operations forces of Japan and the U.S. to further deepen their cooperation.





On the same day, CSJJS Gen Uchikura received a visit and held talks with ADM Bradley. They confirmed progress in JSDF-U.S. Special Operations Forces cooperation and their commitment to a stronger Japan-U.S. Alliance.





Commanding General, III MEF, Visited the MOD



On July 29, SM Miyazaki received a courtesy call from LtGen Watson, Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF), following his assumption of duty. He expressed his expectation that General Watson will build strong trust with JSDF personnel and strengthen ties with local communities while enhancing bilateral presence in Japan's southwestern region and strengthening the Alliance's deterrence and response capabilities.



On the same day, CSJJS Gen Uchikura welcomed LtGen Watson to his new position. They agreed to further enhance the close cooperative relationship between the JSDF and the U.S. Marine Corps and to continue working together to contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.





Gen Morita, Chief of Staff, JASDF also met with LtGen Watson and they shared views on further strengthening cooperation in the areas of F-35B operations.



Courtesy Call by USFJ Commander on CSJJS

On August 17, CSJJS Gen Uchikura received a courtesy call from USFJ Commander Lt Gen Stephen F. Jost. Gen Uchikura expressed his appreciation for the USFJ's support provided in response to the 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake. They confirmed the strength of the Japan-U.S. Alliance, which was once again demonstrated through the response to the earthquake, and reaffirmed their commitment to continue working closely together from peacetime to contingencies.



CSJJS's Visit to Singapore

From August 10 to 12, CSJJS Gen Uchikura conducted an official visit to Singapore. During the visit, he held a meeting with VADM Aaron Beng, Chief of Defence Force, Singapore Armed Forces, and paid courtesy call on Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence, Republic of Singapore.



In March this year, the bilateral relationship between Japan and Singapore was elevated to a Strategic Partnership. Reflecting this new stage in bilateral ties, the visit served as an opportunity to further advance defence cooperation and exchanges between the two countries. During the meeting with VADM Beng, the two sides confirmed the direction for further developing bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges.







RSS Steadfast Makes First Port Call to Tokyo Cruise Terminal





From August 24 to 27, RSS Steadfast of the Republic of Singapore Navy made her first port call at Tokyo Cruise Terminal, highlighting the close and enduring defense relationship between Japan and Singapore.

In conjunction with the port visit, Chief of Navy RADM Sean Wat of the Republic of Singapore Navy visited Japan and paid courtesy calls on SM Miyazaki, CSJJS Gen Uchikura, and ADM Saito, Chief of Staff, JMSDF. The meetings reaffirmed the shared commitment of Japan and Singapore to further strengthening defense cooperation, particularly as the two countries commemorate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations. They also exchanged views on advancing defense ties and further deepening cooperation between the JMSDF and the Republic of Singapore Navy.










In parallel, CSJJS Gen Uchikura and ADM Saito visited RSS Steadfast during her port call. Lt Col Peh, Commanding Officer, provided a briefing on the ship's equipment and facilities, contributing to deeper Navy-to-Navy friendship and mutual understanding.






Following the port call, from August 27 to 28, JS Teruzuki and JS Hamagiri conducted the first bilateral exercise SINGAPAN with RSS Steadfast. Through the exercise, the JMSDF enhanced its tactical capabilities and strengthened cooperation through mutual ship visits at sea.

Together, these engagements highlighted the strong and growing defense relationship between Japan and Singapore as the two countries commemorate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations.

Chief of Staff, JGSDF's Visit to Mongolia

From August 23 to 25, GEN Arai, Chief of Staff, JGSDF officially visited Mongolia and held talks with MG Tsogtjargal, Commander of the Mongolian Land Forces, LTG Ganbyamba, Chief of the Mongolian General Staff, and MG Baasandamba, Deputy Minister of Defence of Mongolia. This marked the first visit by the JGSDF Chief of Staff to Mongolia in 12 years, since 2014.

During talks with MG Tsogtjargal, both sides shared views on the current strategic environment and exchanged their views on the future direction of Japan-Mongolia land forces cooperation. Also, GEN Arai jointly observed ongoing capacity-building program with MG Tsogtjargal, and the two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations through capacity-building program. During the visit, GEN Arai had an opportunity to meet with personnel from both countries and express his appreciation for their efforts.





Pitch Black 26



From July 17 to August 7, JASDF participated in Pitch Black 26, hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force, to enhance the tactical proficiency of units, improve Japan-United States-Australia trilateral interoperability, and deepen mutual understanding with the participating countries.

On August 6, JASDF received a visit from the Hon. Richard Marles MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Australia. His visit reaffirmed the strong partnership between Japan and Australia as well as our shared commitment to peace and stability in the region.





Chief of Staff, JMSDF Held a VTC with Chief of the Royal Australian Navy

ADM Saito, Chief of Staff, JMSDF held a VTC with VADM Buckley, Chief of the Royal Australian Navy for the first time. The two leaders exchanged views on how Japan and Australia can accelerate defense cooperation under the Special Strategic Partnership.







Chief of Staff, JASDF Met with Head of International Committee of the Red Cross Delegation in Japan

General Morita, Chief of Staff, JASDF met with Ms. HANZAWA Shoko, Head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Delegation in Japan.

The ICRC is an international humanitarian organization dedicated to protecting and assisting victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence, as well as promoting international humanitarian law. JASDF fosters understanding of international humanitarian law and maintains regular dialogues with the ICRC among legal experts.

Acknowledging the growing importance of complying with international humanitarian law in light of the situations in Ukraine and the Middle East, General Morita and Ms. Hanzawa discussed the significance of sustained engagement between JASDF and the ICRC.









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