## Joint Press Release of the 12th Defense Trilateral Talks

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Defense officials from Japan, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and the United States met via video-teleconference on May 13, 2020, for the twelfth Defense Trilateral Talks (DTT).

Japanese Director General for Defense Policy Akihiro Tsuchimichi, ROK Deputy Minister for National Defense Policy Chung Sukhwan, and U.S. Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs David Helvey engaged in consultations on the North Korean nuclear and missile threat, regional security, the coronavirus pandemic, and substantive ways to strengthen trilateral security cooperation.

The representatives reaffirmed the importance of trilateral security cooperation and committed to hold the Trilateral Defense Ministerial Meeting virtually on a date to be mutually determined in the future.