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Video teleconference with General Mark A. Milley,
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the United States Armed Forces

On Wednesday, 17 February 2021, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, General Yamazaki had a video teleconference with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the United States Armed Forces General Mark A. Milley for the first time since the change of administration in the United States.

The two senior leaders affirmed that the robust ties of the Japan-U.S. Alliance remains unwavering even with response to COVID-19, and that the Alliance is prepared to address any situation/contingency in the region, in line with the latest Japan-U.S. summit and defense ministerial telephone talks.

The two senior leaders also discussed the latest security situation surrounding Japan and affirmed their position that they oppose to unilateral attempts to change the status-quo by coercion in the East and South China Seas, and exchanged their views on China's new coast guard law in this context. Furthermore, they shared the view on the importance of strengthening the U.S. presence in the Indo-Pacific region and that they will strengthen cooperation with various partners both in and out of the region through measures to maintain and strengthen a Free and Open Indo-Pacific with the Japan-U.S. Alliance being the cornerstone.



General Mark A. Milley
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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