



Joint Press Release

1. Admiral Luigi Binelli Mantelli, Chief of the Italian Defense General Staff paid a visit to Japan from 14th to 18th of July 2014, upon the invitation of General Shigeru Iwasaki, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Japan Self-Defense Forces. Admiral Binelli Mantelli had a meeting with Gen Iwasaki in Tokyo on 15th July.
2. Admiral Binelli Mantelli was officially invited to Japan to reciprocate General Iwasaki's visit to the Republic of Italy in March 2014. General Iwasaki expressed his warmest welcome to the Admiral, who became the first Chief of the Italian Defense General Staff to visit Japan.
3. Gen Iwasaki explained the security environment surrounding Japan and stressed the importance of dealing with various security challenges with countries that share common interests and taking active and collaborative approach in bringing stability to the regional and international society. The Admiral supported his view.
4. The two Chiefs emphasized the significance of Japan-Italy defense cooperation and exchanges at high level, which have been active for the last few months. In addition, they also agreed that it was important to enhance cooperation for international peace and stability by promoting mutual understanding and trust through defense cooperation and exchanges at all levels of our two forces.

15 July 2014

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