



## Media Release

1. General Shigeru Iwasaki, Chief of Joint Staff, Japan Self-Defense Forces paid an official visit to Australia from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2014, upon the invitation of Air Chief Marshal Binskin, Chief of the Defence Force. In the meeting between General Iwasaki and Air Chief Marshal Binskin on 6<sup>th</sup> August, they exchanged views on issues such as the security situation in the Asia-Pacific region and defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and Australia. The two Generals confirmed the importance of recognition that international disputes and issues should not be solved by force but should be solved peacefully according to the international laws.
2. General Iwasaki was thanked for the tremendous support from Australia Defence Force upon acceptance of the Self-Defense Forces involved in the search operations of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370. Air Chief Marshal Binskin welcomed Japan's contribution to the cooperative international search effort for the operations.
3. The two Generals confirmed the importance of cooperation between Japan and Australia. The two Generals especially confirmed continue discussion like Staff Talks, to expand the content of exercise strategically between Japan-Australia and Japan-Australia-U.S. from now on and also confirmed to promote the further use of ACSA in Logistic support field.
4. The two Generals shared the view of importance that continuing cooperation on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, maritime security, peacekeeping and capacity building.
5. General Iwasaki appreciated the warm hospitality extended by Air Chief Marshal Binskin and welcomed the fruitful discussions in a friendly atmosphere.

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