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Washington DC, December 18th, 2014 – The Chief of Joint Staff, Japan Self Defense Force, ADM Katsutoshi Kawano and The Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, met to discuss the security environment in the Asia-Pacific region and strengthening the U.S-Japan Alliance.

ADM Kawano and Gen. Dempsey agreed U.S. forces and the Japan Self Defense Force will continue to improve the effectiveness of bilateral operations to deal with common security challenges for the defense of Japan and regional peace and security.

Both officials acknowledged the U.S-Japan Alliance is vital for the peace and security of both countries as well as the Asia-Pacific region.