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The Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey met with the Japan Self Defense Force Chief of the Joint Staff, Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano on March 25th, 2015 at the Ministry of Defense in Tokyo. They shared their perspectives on the security environment and identified future opportunities for increased cooperation between the United States armed forces and the Japan Self-Defense Forces.

Both reaffirmed that the U.S.-Japan Alliance has continued and will continue to play an indispensable role in ensuring the peace and security of both countries, as well as the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

General Dempsey and Admiral Kawano acknowledged the historic milestones that this year represents, the robustness of the U.S.-Japan relationship marked by 70 years since the end of World War II, and by the ongoing effort for the revision of the Guidelines for U.S.-Japan Defense Cooperation. In light of these landmark events, they agreed to continue to seek ways to improve interoperability and strengthen coordination between their forces into the future.

They discussed approaches to common challenges in the region, and shared recognition of the importance of promoting regional stability by strengthening the Alliance and enhancing deterrence, including upholding international laws.

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