



Joint Press Release

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Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, Chief of Staff of the Japan Joint Staff, met with General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C., on July 16 to discuss the Asia-Pacific security environment and exchanged views on ways to improve the U.S.- Japan Alliance. With invitation by Dempsey, Kawano has been visiting the United States from July 12 to 18.

Both reaffirmed the positive contribution that the Alliance has had on the economic prosperity, as well as the peace and stability of both the United States and Japan, and the Asia-Pacific region as whole over the past seventy years since the end of World War II. They also shared recognition of the need to continue to expand Alliance cooperation into the future.

Dempsey and Kawano also discussed the Guidelines for U.S. - Japan Defense Cooperation, released on 27 April 2015, and of the importance of swiftly implementing them in order to enhance the Alliance's deterrence and its ability to respond to crises.

They also agreed to further strengthen the bond between the U.S. military and the Japan Self-Defense Forces and work with other partners in the region to address common security challenges.