



**The result of the meeting between Admiral Kawano, Chief of Joint Staff and General Tom Middendorp, Chief of Defence, the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

1. General Tom Middendorp, Chief of Defence, the Netherlands paid an official visit to the Ministry of Defense and had a meeting with Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, Chief of Joint Staff, Japan Self-Defense Forces on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 during his visit to Japan. This is the first time for the Chief of Defence, the Netherlands to visit Japan.
2. In the meeting between Admiral Kawano and General Middendorp today, they agreed to promote security cooperation between JSDF and the Dutch Armed Forces through various efforts for the UN PKO, under the shared recognition that regional peace and stability are essential for the prosperity of global society. They referred to an achievement of the Operation for Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance in Iraq which two nations cooperated together in 2004.
3. Admiral Kawano expressed his gratitude for contributions of a Dutch naval officer as the staff to the first Japanese Commander of CTF (Combined Task Force) 151, which he has successfully accomplished his responsibility. They confirmed to keep close cooperation in activities for regional peace and stability such as the Counter-Piracy Operation in the Gulf of Aden.
4. General Middendorp welcomed the further advancement of defense cooperation and exchange between Japan and the Netherlands under bilateral and multilateral frameworks. They confirmed to promote defense cooperation especially in the area of UN PKO and counter-piracy operation.

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