



Bilateral Press Release

The Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., met with the Japan Self Defense Force Chief of the Joint Staff, Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano on November 4th, 2015 at the Ministry of Defense in Tokyo. They shared their perspectives on the security environment in the Asia-Pacific region and discussed strengthening the US-Japan alliance.

Both reaffirmed that the U.S.-Japan Alliance has played an indispensable role in ensuring the peace and security of both countries, as well as the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. They also shared recognition of the need to expand alliance cooperation.

Both discussed Guidelines for U.S. - Japan Defense Cooperation, and the importance of swiftly implementing them to enhance the Alliance's deterrence and its ability to respond to crises.

They discussed approaches to common challenges in the region, their shared recognition of the importance of rule of law in the international community, and the importance of strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance to continue ensuring security and stability in the region.

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