



**The result of the meeting between Admiral Kawano, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff and General Pavel, Chairman of the Military Committee, NATO**

1. General Petr Pavel, Chairman of the Military Committee, paid an official visit to the Ministry of Defense, Japan upon the invitation of Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff. It has been 8 years since the last time a Chairman of the NATO Military Committee visited Japan.
2. In the meeting between Admiral Kawano and General Pavel, they agreed to cooperate closely on the shared recognition that ensuring peace and stability in the region is essential for achieving global prosperity. They also agreed to promote security cooperation between Japan and NATO based on the Individual Partnership Cooperation Programme.
3. Admiral Kawano welcomed the recent enhancement of Japan-NATO defense cooperation through joint exercises between the units for the counter-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden and dispatch of a JSDF officer to the NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security. In addition, Admiral Kawano expressed that JSDF will promote the cooperation in terms of sharing situational awareness and building human networks through the participation in courses at the NATO Defence College as well as NATO hosted conferences and seminars, and bilateral consultations such as Staff Talks
4. General Pavel expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended by Admiral Kawano and communicated the expectation of further cooperation in the future, referring to the common challenges both Japan and NATO are facing, regardless of the geographic distance between NATO and Japan, such as terrorism, the fight against extremism, and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief.

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