



**The result of the meeting between Admiral Kawano, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff and Lieutenant General Keating, Chief of Defence Force, New Zealand**

1. Lieutenant General Timothy Keating, Chief of Defence Force, New Zealand paid a visit to the Ministry of Defense, Japan on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July. It was the fifth time for Chief of Defence Force, New Zealand to visit Japan since 2000.
2. In the meeting between Admiral Kawano and Lieutenant General Keating, they confirmed to cooperate closely on the shared recognition that ensuring peace and stability in the region is essential for achieving global peace and prosperity.
3. Admiral Kawano welcomed the recent enhancement of Japan-New Zealand defense exchanges at unit level such as the port call of HMNZS TE KAHA to Tokyo last month and the participation of JASDF KC-767 in the Air Tattoo hosted by New Zealand Air Force. Admiral Kawano expressed that JSDF will keep promoting the defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and New Zealand.
4. Lieutenant General Keating highlighted partnership of New Zealand and Japan as Pacific nation which share security environment, and also stated a possibility of future cooperation in the field of disaster relief pointing out the JSDF's support at the earthquake occurred in New Zealand last year as an example. In addition, Lieutenant General Keating expressed further promotion on defense engagement between New Zealand Defence Force and JSDF such as unit level exchanges.