



The result of the meeting between Admiral Kawano, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Japan Self-Defense Force Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano met with Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. at the Ministry of Defense in Tokyo on Aug 18th to discuss the current security environment in the Asia-Pacific region and Japan-U.S. defense cooperation.

Admiral Kawano and General Dunford stated that North Korea's repeated provocation, including ballistic missiles launch, is utterly unacceptable, and reaffirmed the importance of cooperation between Japan Self-Defense Forces and United States Armed Forces to address threats posed by North Korea and its nuclear and ballistic missile development.

General Dunford reiterated that U.S. commitment to the defense of Japan including extended deterrence remain ironclad.