



### **Japan-ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff Video-Teleconference**

Admiral Kawano, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff and General Jeong Kyeong Doo, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Republic of Korea (ROK) held a bilateral video-teleconference on Wednesday 27 September.

This was the first time for Japan and ROK to have a bilateral Chief of Staff level video-teleconference, and they have discussed Japan-ROK and Japan-US-ROK defense cooperation to cope with increasing North Korean nuclear and missile threats.

The two military leaders have shared awareness on situations such as the nuclear tests and the series of ballistic missile launches conducted by the North Korea. They have also reconfirmed the promotion of Japan-ROK defense cooperation in order to collaborate mutually and to respond appropriately to such North Korean provocation.