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Joint Staff

### Chief of Staff's visit to Thailand

- 1 GEN Yamazaki participated in the 22th Chiefs of Defense Conference(CHOD Conference) taken place in Thailand from 26<sup>th</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> August hosted by US Indo-PACOM.
- 2 In the conference, Chiefs of Defense in Asia-Pacific region freely discussed regional security issues.
- 3 Especially, the conference and bilateral meetings promoted mutual understanding of Japan and other countries' defence policies and situational awareness. At the same time GEN Yamazaki built and developed friendship with CHODs.
- 4 GEN Yamazaki shared the importance to realize 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific' vision, and also sent messages about activities of Self Defense Force based on the vision.
- 5 GEN Yamazaki participated in the CHOD Conference for the first time.