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Joint Staff

### The Chief of Staff, Joint Staff participated in an international conference

- 1 On Thursday, 5 November 2020, General YAMAZAKI Koji, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff participated in the Joint Heads of Pacific Security 2020 which was co-hosted by the Australian Defense Force, the Australian Federal Police, and the Australian Border Force.
- 2 During the conference using virtual means, chiefs of defense, police, coast guards, customs services, and other related entities from about 25 countries and areas, mainly the Pacific island countries, frankly discussed and shared candid opinions on common challenges in the region such as the fight against COVID-19 and natural disasters including each country's response and lessons learned.
- 3 Through discussions and Q&A sessions, a message that cooperation among the regional countries is critically important and the JSDF will proactively engage in this effort in order to maintain free and open rules-based international order and establish stable security environment in the Pacific region even under the situation affected by COVID-19 has been delivered to the participants as well as their mutual understanding of Japan and other countries' maritime security and disaster relief activities has also been promoted.

