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Trilateral CHOD Video Teleconference

General Yamazaki, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, had a trilateral video teleconference with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff GEN Mark A. Milley and the Republic of Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Won In-Choul on Thursday, 19 November 2020.

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command commander ADM Philip S. Davidson, U.S. Forces Korea Commander GEN Robert B. Abrams, and U.S. Forces Japan Commander Lt Gen Kevin B. Schneider also participated in the video teleconference. The senior-most Japanese, U.S., and ROK military officers last held virtual multilateral discussions in November 2019.

This session featured discussions on multilateral cooperation that promotes long-term peace and stability in Northeast Asia. GEN Yamazaki emphasized the importance that Japan, U.S. and ROK work together for realizing peace and stability of Indo-Pacific region based on the rules and orders and for North Korea's full compliance in accordance with all relevant United Nation Security Council Resolutions, such as correspondence for North Korea's illicit ship-to-ship transfers. GEN Milley reaffirmed the ironclad commitment of the U.S. to provide extended deterrence to defend both the Japan and ROK. Gen Won underlined the importance of the multilateral cooperation of the three countries for the establishment of complete denuclearization and permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula.

The senior military leaders agreed to continue working together to address mutual security issues and increase multilateral cooperation while sharing a vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific in order to enhance peace and stability in the region.

