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Joint Staff

Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Visits Japan

Admiral Phil Davidson, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and General Koji Yamazaki, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff held bilateral talks on 12 Apr. at the Ministry of Defense, Tokyo Japan. The two leaders shared their views on the international security environment and the current situation surrounding Japan and discussed initiatives to further strengthen Japan-U.S. cooperation in the future, based on achievements of the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2) held last month.

Admiral Davidson and General Yamazaki agreed that heightening tensions in the East China Sea, the South China Sea, and other sea areas are absolutely unacceptable under the China Coast Guard law, which contains provisions inconsistent with international law, and expressed concerns. In addition, the two leaders shared the view that Japan and the United States will closely cooperate to respond to threats posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles. Furthermore, the two leaders shared the view that they will continue close cooperation with other countries in the region and beyond, with the Japan-U.S. Alliance as its cornerstone, aiming to maintain law and order in the region in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".

On the same day, the Minister of Defense hosted a conferment ceremony. Admiral Davidson received the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun for his contributions to deepening Japan-U.S. defense cooperation, promoting regional stability in the Indo-Pacific, and contributing to peace and stability in our country.

