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Trilateral Chiefs of Defense Meeting

General Yamazaki, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, had a Trilateral Chiefs of Defense Meeting 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 to exchange opinion about regional security and trilateral cooperation in Hawaii on Friday, 30 April 2021.

Outgoing U.S. Indo-Pacific Command commander Adm. Philip S. Davidson, incoming U.S. Indo-Pacific Command commander Adm. John C. Aquilino, and U.S. Forces Japan commander Lt. Gen. Kevin B. Schneider also attended while U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Robert B. Abrams participated via video teleconference.

This is the first in-person meeting between the senior-most Japanese, U.S. and ROK military officers since the onset of the global pandemic.

The three parties shared their concerns about North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs and discussed the importance of promoting a rules-based international order in the region. GEN Yamazaki emphasized the importance that Japan, U.S. and ROK work together for North Korea's full compliance in accordance with all relevant United Nation Security Council Resolutions. Gen Milley reaffirmed the ironclad commitment of the U.S. to defend both the ROK and Japan and that the U.S. remains prepared to provide extended deterrence guaranteed by the full spectrum of U.S. military capabilities. Gen Won highlighted the importance of trilateral cooperation for peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia.

The senior military leaders agreed to continue working together to address mutual security issues and increase multilateral cooperation in order to enhance peace and stability in the region.

