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Joint Staff

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Commander's Visit to Japan

General Koji Yamazaki, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff held bilateral talks 1 Jun with Admiral John Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command as his first visit since taking command, at the Ministry of Defense, Tokyo Japan. The two leaders shared their views on the global security environment and the current situation surrounding Japan and discussed concrete initiatives for reinforcement of Japan-U.S. Alliance which are necessary for the two countries to contribute to the peace and security of the region in the future.

General Yamazaki and Admiral Aquilino shared the view that they would continue to strengthen capabilities to deter and respond under the robust Japan-U.S. Alliance based on the achievements of the Japan-U.S. summit meeting and the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (“2+2”). The two leaders also agreed that Japan and the U.S. would continue to firmly oppose any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force in the East China Sea. They also shared their views on the multilateral cooperation with the Japan-U.S. Alliance as its cornerstone in order to realize the vision of “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”, and agreed to work closely to contribute to the peace and security of the region.

