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Joint Staff

Commander, U.S. Forces Japan Visits Joint Staff

Lieutenant General SUZUKI Yasuhiko, Vice Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff met with Lieutenant General Kevin B. Schneider, Commander, U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) on 25 August, 2021 at Joint Staff, Ministry of Defense before Lieutenant General Schneider leaves his post.

Lieutenant General SUZUKI expressed his appreciation and respect to Lieutenant General Schneider for the various achievements in further strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance. The two leaders also agreed that Japan and the U.S. will further strengthen the alliance capabilities to deter and respond for the defense of Japan and peace and stability on the region.

In addition, the Minister of Defense hosted a conferment ceremony to present the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun to Lieutenant General Schneider for his distinguished accomplishments including enhancing the Japan-U.S. security arrangements.

