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Joint Staff

### Commander, U.S. Forces Japan Visits Joint Staff

General YAMAZAKI Koji, Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff met with Lieutenant General Ricky N. RUPP, Commander, U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) on 9 September 2021 at Joint Staff, Ministry of Defense.

General YAMAZAKI gave Lieutenant General RUPP words of heartfelt welcome and the two leaders shared their views on the security environment in the region and situational awareness in areas surrounding Japan and discussed concrete initiatives for further deepening the ironclad Japan-U.S. Alliance. The two leaders also agreed that Japan and the U.S. will further strengthen the necessary deterrence and response capabilities against threats posed by any unilateral attempts to change the status quo in the region and nuclear and ballistic missile deteriorating peace and stability in the region.

