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## Telephone conference with General Thierry BURKHARD, the French Chief of the Defence Staff

General YAMAZAKI Koji, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff had a telephone conference with General Thierry BURKHARD, the French Chief of the Defence Staff on Monday, 4 October 2021.

The two senior leaders discussed the increasingly severe security environment and reaffirmed the results and significance of the current Japan-France defense cooperation and exchanges including the Multinational Exercises GASWEX, Lapérouse and ARC21, which were conducted in past March, April and May, and the bilateral exercise "Oguri-Verny" in past September. They also discussed and agreed on progress of Japan-France collaboration in all areas including new domains.

