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Joint Staff

### Chief of Staff, Joint Staff's Visit to the U.S.

On 31 Mar, 2022 (HST 30 Mar), General YAMAZAKI Koji, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, had meetings with U.S. senior leaders at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (Camp Smith, Hawaii) and other locations.

In this meeting with General Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the two senior leaders shared their situational awareness of the current security environments including a series of ballistic missile launches by North Korea and Russia's aggression against Ukraine. They also exchanged their views on the initiatives to further strengthen Japan-U.S. cooperation, following the results of the Japan-U.S. summit meeting and Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee ("2+2"). They reaffirmed the ironclad commitment to defend Japan and agreed to strengthen their deterrence and response capabilities. They agreed to promote multilateral cooperation based on Japan-U.S. alliance as its cornerstone, in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific". In addition, they also agreed that unilateral changes to the status quo by force or coercion are absolutely unacceptable.

In this meeting with Admiral John Aquilino, Commander U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, the two senior leaders shared their views on the security environment in the Indo-Pacific region and the current situation surrounding Japan including a series of ballistic missile launches by North Korea. They agreed to further enhance the deterrence and response capabilities of the alliance through increased cooperation between JSDF and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

General Yamazaki also had a series of respective meetings with U.S. Forces Korea commander, GEN Paul LaCamera, U.S. PACFLT Commander, Admiral Samuel Paparo, and U.S. PACAF Commander, General Kenneth Wilsbach. General Yamazaki built a shared understanding on the situation with them and discussed enhancing of their deterrence and response capabilities through various bilateral exercises and other means.



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