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## Trilateral Chiefs of Defense Meeting

On 31 Mar, 2022 (HST 30 Mar), Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, General YAMAZAKI Koji had a trilateral meeting at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (Camp Smith, Hawaii) with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff GEN Mark A. Milley and the Republic of Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Won In-Choul.

The Tri-CHOD meeting took place after a year since the latest in-person meeting was held in April, 2021. U.S. Indo-Pacific Command commander Adm. John C. Aquilino, U.S. Forces Korea commander GEN Paul LaCamera, and U.S. Forces Japan commander Lt Gen Ricky Rupp also attended.

This session featured discussions on the Korean Peninsula security environment, regional security challenges, the ironclad commitment of the U.S. to defend both Japan and Republic of Korea and the importance of rule-based international order. The senior military leaders shared common understanding of the significance of enhancing regional security through close trilateral cooperation and coordination.

Also, the senior military leaders exchanged thoughts on multilateral cooperation and training in order to respond to the challenge which threatens peace and stability in the region, expand the security cooperation and promote a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. They agreed to strengthen the trilateral cooperation to achieve these objectives.

