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Joint Staff

## Chief of Staff's official visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia

General Yamazaki, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, officially visited the Kingdom of Cambodia from Thursday, April 28 to Friday, April 29, 2022, and paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Hun Sen, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Tea Banh, and had a meeting with Commander-in-chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Vong Pisen and Commander of Royal Cambodian Army Hun Manet.

In the courtesy call on Prime Minister Hun Sen and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Tea Banh, they valued the bilateral relationship that has developed under the strategic partnership and discussed about further collaboration between two countries. They also confirmed that the Self-Defense Forces (SDF) will positively cooperate in various activities of ASEAN under the leadership of the Kingdom of Cambodia, this year's ASEAN chair country.

In the meeting with Commander-in-chief Vong Pisen and Army Commander Hun Manet, they agreed to further promote defense cooperation and exchange in a wide range of fields such as PKO, HA/DR, and educational exchange between Japan and Cambodia for the sake of peace and stability in the international community. They also agreed that the SDF and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces will work more closely together to address challenges in the region in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".

During the visit, General Yamazaki inspected the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces, Mine, and Explosive Remnants of War Clearance (NPMEC) and confirmed the education and training of PKO personnel of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces. He also confirmed Cambodia's contribution to peace and stability in the international community through their repeated PKO deployments.