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Chief of Joint Staff, GEN Yamazaki's participation in the Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defense Conference and the SPDMM CHOD Conference

From 25 to 28 in July 2022, GEN Yamazaki, Chief of Staff, Japan Joint Staff, participated in the Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defense Conference co-hosted by Australian Defence Force and the U.S. INDOPACOM and ADF hosted SPDMM CHOD Conference in conjunction.

During the Indo-Pacific CHOD Conference, a wide range of regional security issues were discussed on the theme "Promoting a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific." In the session on the situation in Ukraine at the conference, GEN Yamazaki said, "the security environment in Europe and the Indo-Pacific region is inseparable. Maintaining a rules-based international order is a global challenge." He also mentioned the importance of robust solidarity among countries in the Indo-Pacific region in order to prevent any unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force like the invasion against Ukraine.

In addition, GEN Yamazaki participated in the SPDMM CHOD Conference as an observer which was the first time CJJS had attended, and exchanged their views on wide range of security issuers in the South Pacific, such as maintaining maritime order and the impacts of climate change. He mentioned the significance of initiatives in peace time, such as strengthening cooperation and sharing knowledge through multilateral HA/DR exercises, and also said that the JSDF will contribute to stabilizing the security environment in the South Pacific with considering the characteristics of each country in the region.

GEN Yamazaki also had bilateral meetings with General Campbell, Chief of Defence Force of the ADF, Admiral Aquilino, USINDOPACOM Commander, Admiral Radakin, the Chief of the Defence Staff of UK, and Air Marshal Short, the Chief of Defence Force of NZ and many other CHODs and senior leaders. In the meetings, he shared views on the increasingly severe situation in the Indo-Pacific region and exchanged opinions from the perspective of strategically promoting multifaceted and multilayered security cooperation with these countries.