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Joint Staff

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Commander's Visit to Japan

On 4 Oct 2022, General Yamazaki, Chief of Staff, Japan Joint Staff had a meeting with Admiral John C. Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

In the meeting, the two leaders shared their recognition that the ballistic missile launched by North Korea over Japan today poses a serious threat to the entire international community on top of disrupting the peace and stability for the international community.

Furthermore, amid an increasingly severe security environment where there are various concerns related to China, Russia's concerning activities around Japan while they continue their unprovoked aggression against Ukraine, including the China-Russia joint maritime cruise, the two leaders discussed initiatives to enhance close and seamless Japan-U.S. cooperation as follow-ups for the Japan-U.S. Ministerial Meeting and the Joint-Senior Leaders Seminar in September.

The leaders also affirmed to cooperate together for strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance and upholding a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" with Japan's own effort to drastically bolster its own defense capability.

