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Trilateral Chiefs of Defense Meeting

On 21 Oct, 2022 (EST 20 Oct), Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, General YAMAZAKI Koji had a trilateral meeting at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff GEN Mark A. Milley and the Republic of Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Seung-Kyum Kim, today.

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command commander Adm. John C. Aquilino and United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Paul J. LaCamera also attended.

This session featured discussions on regional security challenges, to include North Korea's recent missile activities and nuclear development program which destabilize the region. The leaders discussed continued efforts to achieve the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula. Gen. Milley reaffirmed the ironclad commitment of the U.S. to defend Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The three military leaders emphasized the importance of effective bilateral, trilateral, and multilateral security cooperation and coordination in order to enhance the security of the Korean Peninsula and the region.

Trilateral security cooperation in addition to the U.S.-Japan and U.S.-ROK alliances are essential to maintaining regional peace and stability and to ensure a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

