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## Opening Ceremony of the Japan-U. S. Bilateral Information Analysis Cell

On Tuesday November 29, LtGen Suzuki, Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff and LtGen Rupp, the Commander, U.S. Forces, Japan co-hosted an opening ceremony of the Japan-U. S. Bilateral Information Analysis Cell in Yokota Air Base.

The Japan-U. S. Bilateral Information Analysis Cell functions to jointly analyze the information from the information-gathering assets of both countries.

At the ceremony, LtGen Suzuki and LtGen Rupp emphasized the significance of making every effort to enhance bilateral operational capabilities and strengthen the alliance between two nations with the determination not to allow unilateral changes to the status quo by coercion at all, amid the increasingly severe and uncertain security environment surrounding Japan. They also confirmed the operational launch of this facility will lead to the deepening of the bilateral cooperation in the information field, as well as the further strengthening of deterrent and counter capability under the Japan-U. S. Security Alliance.

The Japan Self-Defense Forces will contribute to the peace and stability of the

region by further deepening the Japan-U.S. cooperative relationship in such areas as information gathering and surveillance through the joint analysis in this organization.

