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Chief of Staff's official visit to the United States of America

Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, GEN YAMAZAKI Koji officially visited the United States of America from 11 to 14, Jan 2023 and had a bilateral meeting at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, GEN Mark A. Milley on 13 Jan, 2023 (EST 12 Jan).

In the meeting, GEN YAMAZAKI explained Japan's National Security Strategy, National Defense Strategy and Defense Buildup Program which is formulated last month.

Two leaders reconfirmed their views that the Japan-U.S. alliance has never been stronger and remains the cornerstone of Japan's security as well as peace and security of the Indo-Pacific, and agreed to further expand and deepen defense cooperation, based on fundamental reinforcement of Japan's own defense capabilities, in order to strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. alliance.

During his visit, GEN YAMAZAKI also had meetings with GEN McConville, Chief of Staff of U.S. Army, Gen Berger, Commandant of U.S. Marine Corps and Gen Brown, Chief of Staff of U.S. Air Force.

In the meeting with GEN McConville, they exchanged their opinions on realistic training and exercises including strengthened cross-domain operation capabilities.

In the meeting with Gen Berger, they shared their views on the importance of US Marine Corps in the region and exchanged opinions on strengthening defense cooperation between JSDF and USMC at joint level.

In the meeting with Gen Brown, they shared their views on severe security environment including North Korea's provocative missile launches and agreed to respond by close coordination between JSDF and U.S. Air Force.