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Joint Staff

## Chief of Staff's official visit to Jordan and Djibouti

General YAMAZAKI, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, officially visited Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from February 12 to 13, 2023, where he was granted an audience with His Majesty King Abdullah II, and paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Al-Khasawneh, Mr. Ayman Al Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, and had a meeting with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Hnaity.

From February 15 to 16, 2023, he also officially visited the Republic of Djibouti, where he paid courtesy calls on President Guelleh, S.E.M. Abdoukader Kamil Mohamed, Premier Ministre, and , S.E.M. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération Internationale, and held a meeting with Chief of the General Staff Zaccaria.

In each of the visits, he built relations with his counterparts, shared recognition of the situation, etc., and also confirmed to further deepen defense exchanges and cooperation in the future.

In addition, he stressed that the Self-Defense Forces would reinforce collaboration cooperation with the militaries of like-minded countries and deal with regional challenges, in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" and to achieve regional peace and stability.

During his official visit to the Republic of Djibouti, he visited the facility of the Self-Defense Forces in Djibouti to understand the current situation of the counter-piracy units currently being deployed, and encouraged the units and personnel who are working hard day and night in a harsh environment.