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Joint Staff

Chief of Staff's official visit to Poland and Germany

From 26 to 28 February, General YAMAZAKI, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, officially visited to Republic of Poland, where he made a courtesy call on Polish Minister of National Defense Błaszczak, had a meeting with General Andrzejczak, the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, and visited the logistics hub to support Ukraine at Rzeszów Airport.

From 1 to 2 March, General YAMAZAKI also officially visited to the Federal Republic of Germany, where he held a meeting with General Zorn, Chief of Defence of Germany, and visited the Bundeswehr Homeland Defence Command.

Through his official visits to these countries, he has reaffirmed his recognition that the unity of like-minded countries is needed more than ever as the foundations of the international order are shaken by Russia's invasion against Ukraine. He then shared his recognition of the need for further cooperation between the two countries. In addition, he shared with both countries on the recognition of the situation including around Japan, as well as Japan's strategic documents formulated at the end of last year, and promoted mutual understanding and confidence-building

The JSDF will continue to strengthen cooperation with allies and like-minded countries to protect the free and open international rule-based order.