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Joint Staff

(Announcement)

Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Visiting to the Joint Staff

General YAMAZAKI, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff had a meeting with Admiral John Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command on 20 March, at the Ministry of Defense, Tokyo Japan.

The two leaders reconfirmed that the Japan-U.S. alliance has never been stronger and remains the cornerstone of Japan's security in the most severe and complex security environments since WWII.

General Yamazaki and Admiral Aquilino exchanged opinions on concrete measures based on Joint Statement of the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2) to promptly implement the respective new National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy.

They 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 Japan-U.S. alliance.

