



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
ATHENS - GREECE

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter to share with you the results of the recent important meetings between Japan and the United States of America.

1 Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting (13/01/2023, Washington, D.C.)

At the meeting, Prime Minister Kishida stated that Japan and the U.S. are facing the most severe and complex security environment in recent years, and that Japan will fundamentally reinforce its defense capabilities, including the possession of a counterstrike capabilities, and considerably increase its defense budget, based on the new National Security Strategy announced last December. President Biden again gave his full support.

The two leaders welcomed the alignment of the national security strategies of the two countries and renewed their determination to further strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. security Alliance.

(1) The two leaders agreed that Japan and the U.S. would continue to work closely together in addressing issues concerning China. Furthermore, the two leaders stressed the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and encouraged the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues.

(2) The two leaders agreed to continue to work closely together bilaterally and trilaterally among Japan, the U.S. and South Korea in the context of strengthening regional deterrence including security cooperation among Japan, U.S. and South Korea, and of the response in the UN Security Council toward the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in accordance with the UNSC resolutions.

(3) With regard to Russia's unjust and brutal war of aggression against Ukraine, the two leaders agreed to continue to work closely with the G7 and other like-

minded countries to continue to strongly impose sanctions against Russia and provide unwavering support for Ukraine. The two leaders also reaffirmed that the threat of nuclear weapons by Russia is unacceptable, and that Russia must never use such weapons.


Prime Minister Kishida explained that at the G7 Hiroshima Summit, the G7 will demonstrate its vision and determination to uphold the international order based on the rule of law, and that the G7 would like to have a thorough discussion on the Indo-Pacific region. The two leaders issued a **Joint Statement (Attachment 1)** reaffirming unprecedented Japan-U.S. cooperation, rooted in a shared vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) and a peaceful and prosperous world, as well as guided by common values, including the rule of law.

2 The Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (Japan-U.S. "2+2")
(11/01/2023, Washington, D.C.)

Prior to the Japan-U.S. summit meeting above, Minister for Foreign Affairs Hayashi, Minister of Defense Hamada, Secretary of State Blinken and Secretary of Defense Austin convened the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (SCC) in Washington, D.C., on January 11, 2023. They discussed the regional issues and issues related to fundamental reinforcement of defense capabilities and strengthening of the Japan-U.S. Alliance

After the SCC, **Joint Statement of the Security Consultative Committee (attachment 2)** was released.

Sincerely,



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