

Japan-US Consultations on Security Issues

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Name	Subject	Members and participants	
		Japan	US
Japan-US Security Consultative Committee (SCC) (2+2 Meeting)	Consultations on issues that promote understanding between the governments of Japan and the US and contribute to the strengthening of cooperative relations on security issues, thereby serving as a foundation for security.	Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister of Defense	Secretary of State Secretary of Defense (Before December 26, 1990, US Ambassador to Japan, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Command)
Japan-US Security Subcommittee (SSC)	Exchange of views on security issues in which both Japan and the US have common interest.	(Not strictly established, but in recent years) Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director-General, Bureau of Defense Policy, Defense Agency Others	(Not strictly established, but in recent years) Assistant Secretary of State Assistant Secretary of Defense Others
Japan-US Joint Committee	Consultation between the governments of Japan and the US on every issue which requires consultation between the two countries concerning the implementation of the Japan-US Status of Forces Agreement.	Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Others	Minister-Counselor, US Embassy in Japan Deputy Commander, US Forces Japan Others