











Japan-NATO Relations

As of December 2022

2010	Jun	Agreement between NATO and Japan on the Security of Information and Material		
2013	Apr	Secretary General Rasmussen Visits Japan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Courtesy call on Prime Minister Abe and meeting with Foreign Minister Kishida. ● The "Joint Political Declaration between Japan and NATO" was released by Prime Minister Abe and Secretary General Rasmussen. ● Foreign Minister Kishida introduced that Ambassador of Japan to Belgium concurrently serve as Japanese representative to NATO.
2014	May	Prime Minister Abe visits NATO Headquarters: Announcement of the Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programme (IPCP) between Japan and NATO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cooperation in counter piracy activities. (Basically agreed to conduct joint exercises with a unit participating in the NATO Operation Ocean Shield. ● Basically agreed to dispatch female government personnel to NATO Headquarters.
2015	Jan	Minister of Foreign Affairs Kishida Visits NATO Headquarters		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Held a meeting with Secretary General Stoltenberg. ● Confirmed to maintain high-level dialogues.
2017	Jul	Prime Minister Abe Visits NATO Headquarters		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirmed to accelerate cooperation in fields such as maritime security and cyber security. · Agreed to dispatch a liaison officer to the Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM). · Mentioned strengthening cooperation through the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE).
	Oct	Secretary General Stoltenberg Visits Japan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Courtesy call on Prime Minister Abe and meeting with Foreign Minister Kono. ● Issued a joint press statement between Prime Minister Abe and Secretary-General Stoltenberg.
2018	Jul	Establishment of Mission of Japan to NATO		(Note) Embassy of Belgium in Japan is accredited to Mission of Japan to NATO
2020	Dec	Japan's Participation in the NATO Foreign Ministers' Meeting		(Note) Ambassador of Japan to the NATO read the statement of Mr. MOTEGI Toshimitsu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, on his behalf.
2022	Feb	Meeting between Minister for Foreign Affairs Hayashi and NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exchanged views on the situation in Ukraine. ● Exchanged views on the regional situation in the Indo-Pacific and Europe.
	Mar	Talk between Prime Minister Kishida and NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exchanged views on the situation in Ukraine. ● Confirmed to continue cooperation between Japan and NATO.
	Apr	Minister for Foreign Affairs Hayashi Attends the Meeting of NATO Ministers of Foreign Affairs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First time for a Japanese foreign minister to attend the NATO Foreign Ministers' meeting. ● Delivered a speech at this meeting. Stated that the security of Europe and of the Indo-Pacific is inseparable and welcomed the efforts of NATO to enhance its relationship with Asia-Pacific partners.
	Jun	Prime Minister Kishida Attends at the NATO Summit Meeting	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First time for a Japanese prime minister to attend the NATO summit. ● Delivered a speech at this summit. Welcomed the fact that NATO is strengthening its involvement in the Indo-Pacific region and expressed the expectation towards NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg's visit to Japan at the earliest timing. ● Held a meeting with Secretary General Stoltenberg. Confirmed that Japan and NATO will upgrade the IPCP and accelerate work toward an early agreement on a new cooperation document between NATO and Japan. ● NATO Asia-Pacific Partners (AP4: Japan, Australia, Korea, and NZ) Leaders' Meeting was held for the first time.

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NATO Summit (the communiqué mentions the **enhancement of cooperation with Asia-Pacific partners** (Australia, Japan, NZ, and Korea).)