

# Japan-NATO Relations

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Conclusion of the Agreement between Japan and NATO on Security of Information and Material (June 2010)

Adoption of New Strategic Concept (Lisbon Summit, November 2010)

Adoption of New Partnership Policy (April 2011)

Foreign Minister Genba attended the Meeting on Afghanistan on the occasion of NATO Chicago Summit (May 2012)

Foreign Minister Kishida met Secretary General Stoltenberg (January 2015, at the NATO headquarters)

Speech by Prime Minister Abe at the North Atlantic Council (January 2007)

**“Japan and NATO : Toward Further Collaboration”**

- Japan and NATO are partners and share fundamental values.
- There is room to combine knowledge and experience to help in areas such as peace building, reconstruction and disaster relief.
- Japan and NATO should move on to a new phase of cooperation.

Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen’s visit to Japan (April 2013)

➢ **The first Joint Political Declaration between Japan and NATO signed by the NATO Secretary General and the Prime Minister of Japan**

- Japan and NATO are dedicated to the shared values.
- We acknowledge our shared strategic interests through pursuing a rules-based international order. We attach importance to deterring conflict and preventing crises through multilateral cooperation and dialogue.
- Japan designates its Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium as Representative of the Government of Japan to NATO.
- Cyber-defense and maritime security are among possible areas for further cooperation.
- The Prime Minister proposed to set up the Joint Study Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.



Prime Minister Abe’s visit to NATO HQs and Speech at the North Atlantic Council (May 2014)

➢ **Speech at NAC: Japan and NATO as “Natural Partners”**

- New security policies of Japan and NATO’s “comprehensive approach” are highly compatible and NATO is a natural partner for implementing the “proactive contribution to peace.”
- For Japan, which takes a panoramic perspective of the world map, NATO is a “reliable natural partner.”

➢ **Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programme between Japan and NATO**

- Joint exercises in anti-piracy activities between SDFs and a unit participating in NATO Ocean Shield
- Dispatching female Government personnel from Japan to NATO Headquarters



## Current Status of Japan-NATO Cooperation

Policy Dialogue

- Policy Dialogue with NATO Secretariat
  - Political level (Foreign Minister Kishida visited NATO in January 2015)
  - Japan-NATO High-Level Consultations (Held fourteen times as of February 2017)

Concrete Cooperation

- Promotion of concrete cooperation in maritime security, women, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in line with Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programme.
- Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Ammunition and others through Japan’s contribution to NATO PfP Trust Fund.

Knowledge Sharing

- Defense exchanges (Self-Defense officials studying at NATO Defense College and others.)
- Participation in seminars, symposiums, and annual meetings organized by NATO or the member of NATO.
- Co-hosting Japan-NATO Seminars/Symposiums