

Readout of U.S.-ROK-Japan Trilateral Video-Teleconference

The Republic of Korea (ROK), the United States, and Japan held a senior-level video-teleconference today, Sept. 7 to share information among the three countries regarding North Korea's recent missile launches, including the three ballistic missile launches conducted on Sept. 4 (EDT).

At this meeting, Brig. Gen. Park Cheol-kyun, deputy director general, International Policy Bureau, ROK Ministry of National Defense; Christopher Johnstone, principal director for East Asia, U.S. Department of Defense; and Koji Kano, principal director, Defense Policy Bureau, Japan Ministry of Defense represented their respective countries.

The officials condemned the missile launches as provocative acts in flagrant violation of multiple United Nations Security Council Resolutions and underscored the need for the UN Security Council to respond effectively. The three sides reiterated that they consider North Korea's missile programs to be a serious threat to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in northeast Asia. The United States, ROK, and Japan reaffirmed that they will continue to cooperate closely and share information on North Korean missile threats.

The United States reaffirms its ironclad alliance commitments to defend the ROK and Japan including the commitment to provide extended deterrence guaranteed by the full spectrum of U.S. military capabilities. The United States will continue to work closely with the ROK and Japan, as well as the international community, to address North Korea's provocative actions.