

## 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 on Aug. 4 to share information among the three countries regarding the two recent North Korean missile launches conducted on Aug. 3 (KST).

At this meeting, Brigadier General Park, 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.

At this meeting, the ROK, United States, and Japan agreed that North Korea's recent missile launches are provocative acts that represent a flagrant violation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions and a serious threat to peace and stability, not only on the Korean Peninsula, but also in the region. The defense officials condemned the missile tests and reiterated that they will continue to cooperate closely and share information on North Korea's missile threat.

The United States reaffirms its ironclad alliance commitments to defend the ROK and Japan. 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.