

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

The Republic of Korea (ROK), the United States, and Japan held a trilateral meeting today, Feb. 13 (EST), using secure video-teleconference (SVTC) to share information regarding the North Korean missile launch conducted on Feb. 11 (EST).

ROK Deputy Director General for International Policy Brig. Gen. Park Chul Kyun, U.S. Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia Christopher Johnstone, and Japan Director for Defense Policy Koji Kano led their respective interagency delegations.

The representatives of the ROK, the United States, and Japan condemned the North Korean missile launch as a clear violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions and emphasized that North Korea's unlawful missile programs pose a serious and continuing threat to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia. The representatives decided to continue close coordination and information sharing regarding the North Korean missile threat.

The United States reaffirmed its ironclad security commitments to the ROK and Japan. The participants from all three countries committed to continue to work closely together and with the international community to address North Korea's provocative actions.