

U.S.-Japan-Republic of Korea Trilateral Video Teleconference

The United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK), held a trilateral video-teleconference on August 31 (EDT) to share information regarding the August 28 (EDT) North Korean missile launch and to coordinate responses.

Mr. Andrew Winternitz, Acting Principal Director for East Asia, Mr. Taro Yamato, Japan Director for Defense Policy, and Brigadier General Park Cheol Kyun, ROK Deputy Director General for International Policy, led their respective interagency delegations.

The representatives of the United States, Japan, and the ROK condemned in the strongest terms the North Korean missile launch as a clear and flagrant violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions.

The officials described the recent North Korean ballistic missile launch that overflowed Japan and impacted the Pacific Ocean as an unprecedented, grave, and serious threat to regional peace and stability, and emphasized that the act is totally unacceptable.

The three sides resolved to continue bolstering trilateral security cooperation and coordination to deter and respond to threats posed by North Korea. They also concurred on continuing to pressure North Korea, in concert with other countries, to compel it to take concrete action to end its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

The United States reaffirmed its ironclad security commitments to the ROK and Japan.