



Japan-Australia Security and Defence Cooperation

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Australia and Japan have a strong and broad-ranging security relationship. The two countries' alliance with the United States, cooperation in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, commonly known as the *Quad* and commitment to 'free and open' strategic relations within the Indo-Pacific region reflect their complementary foreign policy and security interests.



The 2007 Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation provided a foundation for wide-ranging cooperation on security issues between Australia and Japan, including in law enforcement, border security, economic security, health security, climate change, energy transition, counter-terrorism, disarmament and counter-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, maritime and aviation security, peace operations and humanitarian relief operations.

A renewed Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation (JDSC) issued by Prime Minister Albanese and Prime Minister Kishida in October 2022 deepened and expanded cooperation to respond to the most pressing security challenges in the region.

How will the Japan-Australia security alliance fare in the ever-changing strategic landscape of the Indo-Pacific region? How can Japan and Australia jointly tackle global security challenges? AIIA Victoria invites you to join LTG Isobe to discuss Japan's Security and Defence Policy and Australia-Japan Security and Defence Cooperation.



Lieutenant General (Ret.) ISOBE Koichi is a Strategic Consultant, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd, as well as a Director, Japan Association for International Security. He serves as the JGSDF Advisor for Yamasakura Japan-U.S. Bilateral Command Post Exercise, also a lecturer at the Joint Staff College and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) Staff College, teaches joint operations and security strategy. He served as a senior fellow at Harvard University Asia Center (2017-2019) as well as Asia Pacific Initiative (2017-2021). LTG Isobe retired from active duty in August 2015 after a thirty-five-year career in the JSDF, having served in his last two years as Commanding General of the Eastern Army of the JGSDF. Prior to this final appointment, he held several other senior positions in Japan's defense institutions, such as Director of J-5, Joint Staff, Commanding General of 7th Armored Division, as well as Vice Chairman of Joint Staff.

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