

## **The First Sub-Cabinet “2+2” Dialogue between Japan and Canada (Summary of results)**

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011



1. On Monday August 29<sup>th</sup>, the first Sub-cabinet “2+2” Dialogue between Japan and Canada was held at the Iikura Guest House in Tokyo. Mr. Kenichiro Sasae, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Kimito Nakae, the Administrative Vice-Minister of Defense headed the Japanese delegation at the talks. Mr. Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister of National Defence headed the Canadian delegation.

2. This dialogue was initiated in accordance with the “Canada-Japan Joint Declaration on Political, Peace and Security Cooperation” which Japanese Prime Minister Kan and Canadian Prime Minister Harper agreed to on the occasion of their bilateral meeting on the margins of the APEC leaders’ meeting in Yokohama last November.

3. During the dialogue, both sides agreed that it was important to facilitate cooperation between the Japan Self Defense Forces and the Canadian Forces. Accordingly, both sides agreed to start negotiations toward the conclusion of an Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement (ACSA).

4. Both sides exchanged views on the regional and international security environments in East Asia and the Middle East/North Africa (including Syria and Libya), and regional security architecture such as ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) was also discussed.

5. With regard to the potential for specific initiatives between Japan and Canada, both sides agreed to discuss the possibility of further cooperation in the provision of assistance to Afghanistan. Furthermore, agreement was reached to undertake discussions on other areas of cooperation, including possible peacekeeping initiatives in Africa that builds on the long history of Canada-Japan Peacekeeping Operations collaboration. Both sides also confirmed their ongoing cooperation in support of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI). Finally, both sides agreed to continue discussing details on possible cooperation in the area of disaster prevention, which was proposed by the Canadian side.