

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

The United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK) held a trilateral secure video-teleconference on May 1 (EDT) to share and coordinate policy response toward North Korea.

Chris Johnstone, acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for East Asia, Koji Kano, Japan director for defense policy, and Brigadier General Park Cheol Kyun, ROK deputy director general for international policy led their respective interagency delegations. The three leaders strongly condemned any North Korean action that poses a threat to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia.

The United States reaffirmed its ironclad security commitments to the ROK and Japan. The three parties resolved to bolster trilateral cooperation and coordination to enhance regional security.