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**Concept Paper and Request for a Presentation
(for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, New Zealand, ASEAN Secretariat)**

THE 17TH TOKYO DEFENSE FORUM (TDF)

Tokyo, Japan October 30-November 2, 2012

BACKGROUND

As Japan's initiative in addressing security issues in the Asia-Pacific, the Ministry of Defense Japan has been holding the Asia-Pacific Defense Forum (Tokyo Defense Forum) since 1996. The Forum aims at contributing to the confidence-building among participating nations and organizations through informal discussions and information sharing. The Forum has been attended by high-ranking officers (Directors General from defense ministries or Brigadier General (or above)-class) from the countries in the region who have ample knowledge and experiences in a wide range of security areas including international/defense policy, overseas operations, HA/DR, maritime security.

The 17th TDF will be held from 30 October through 2 November this year with participation from 24 ARF member nations and some international organizations. The Forum will cover the following agenda. The participants will have the opportunity to update on regional security and peacekeeping activities of the TDF members, as well as to discuss on future regional cooperation and on policies and operations of each participating nations and organizations.

AGENDA

Wednesday 31 October (Session 1)

"Security in the Asia Pacific - The Growing Focus and the Progress in Shaping Regional Architecture"

- ◇ Regional Security Frameworks -- ARF and ADMM Plus, Collaboration Today and Tomorrow
- ◇ Collaboration in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief
- ◇ Maritime Security and Good Seamanship
- ◇ New U.S. Strategy Guidance

-The Asia Pacific Region has been increasing its focus on security and there have been a number of important issues including maritime security and natural disasters. Regional security frameworks have also made a remarkable progress both in quality and quantity. Equally noteworthy is the new strategy guidance which the U.S. Government announced earlier this year. This Forum provides an opportunity to discuss such important questions as: what roles regional security frameworks can or should play in the future and how regional countries can or should contribute to the

