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Example of Flight Patterns to Which JASDF Responded

A Tu-154 intelligence gathering aircraft and a Y-8 intelligence gathering aircraft flew by China, November 2013

Flight paths taken by China and Russia, 2016
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Number and Breakdown of Scrambles since the Cold War

Changes in the Number of Scrambles against Chinese Aircraft
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ADIZs of Japan and those of neighboring countries

China established the “East China Sea ADIZ” in 2013 including the Senkaku Islands as if “China’s territory”

ADIZ : Air Defense Identification Zone
FIR : Flight Information Region
ICAO : International Civil Aviation Organization
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Strategic significance of the nine-dash line and ADIZ in the South China Sea

The arbitral tribunal rendered a final ruling in which nearly all of the Philippines’ claims were ruled in favor of the Philippines in July 2016.
The airspace in the East and South China Seas

The FIRs over the East China Sea

Shared by China, Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea

The ROK expanded its ADIZ to match its FIR in 2013

FIRs have flight information to identify

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Question against China’s unilateral acts

> Claims of territorial sovereignty of the “East China Sea ADIZ” were rejected in 2014 by ICAO

> Territorial sovereignty of the “nine-dash line” were determined to be not legitimate in 2016 by the arbitral tribunal (UNCLOS)
Ⅲ The strategic lines and USAF in East Asia

First Island Chain and Acheson line
- Show intention of the country as *strategic communication*
- Affect the regional *stability and escalation control*

US Air Force in East Asia
- Expansion of missions and other activities will depend on approved level of *defense budget*
- Chief Staff of Air Force Policy: *(SQUADRON,JOINT,COMMAND&CONTROL)*

No misinterpretation
No miscalculation
For the message of upholding international order, the Japan-U.S. alliance is important in East Asia