



Ministry of Defense

The National Institute for Defense Studies

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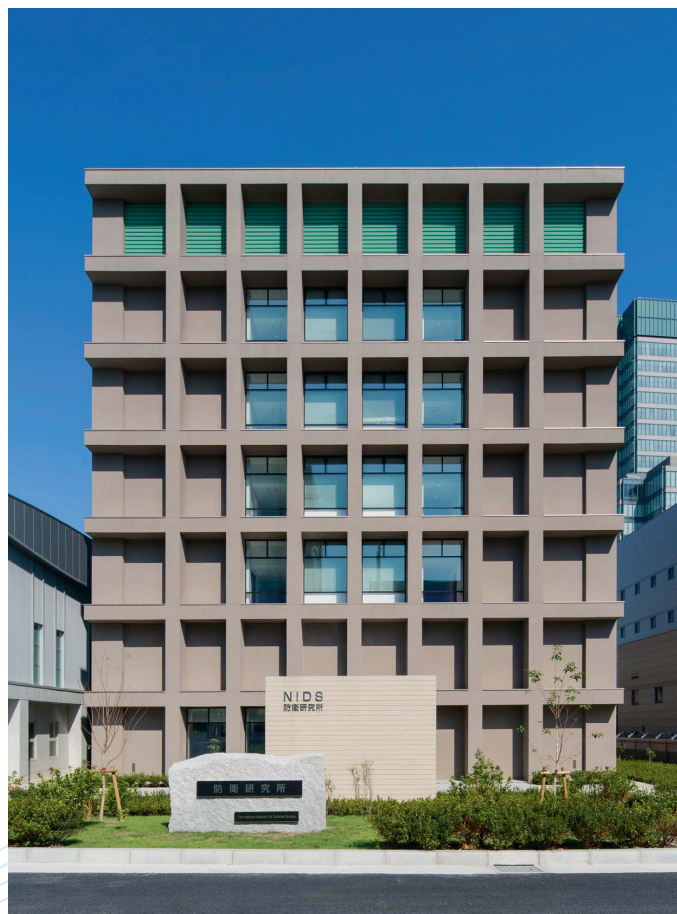
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Introduction: Roles of the National Institute for Defense Studies

The National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), a think tank of the Ministry of Defense of Japan, is a unique national academic research organization founded for Japan's safety. It conducts policy-oriented research on security policies and military history, as well as providing a top-class education, which is equal to any National Defense University in other countries, to senior officers of the Self-Defense Forces and officials of the Ministry of Defense and other ministries and agencies. In addition, as Japan's foremost military history-related organization, NIDS also maintains and exhibits military history archives.

The National Defense Program Guidelines, approved by the Security Council and the Cabinet in December 2013, stipulate that "in addition to strengthening the Ministry of Defense and SDF research systems, with a particular focus on the National Institute for Defense Studies, the Ministry of Defense will promote various partnerships, including education and research exchange with other research and educational institutions within the government, as well as universities and think-tanks both within Japan and overseas." NIDS actively engages in research and education, and places importance on international interaction and dissemination of information. Through these activities, NIDS has established a firm position in the field of Japanese security policy.

NIDS plans to redouble its efforts in the areas of research and education in the future as well.



Main Entrance of NIDS F1 Building

History

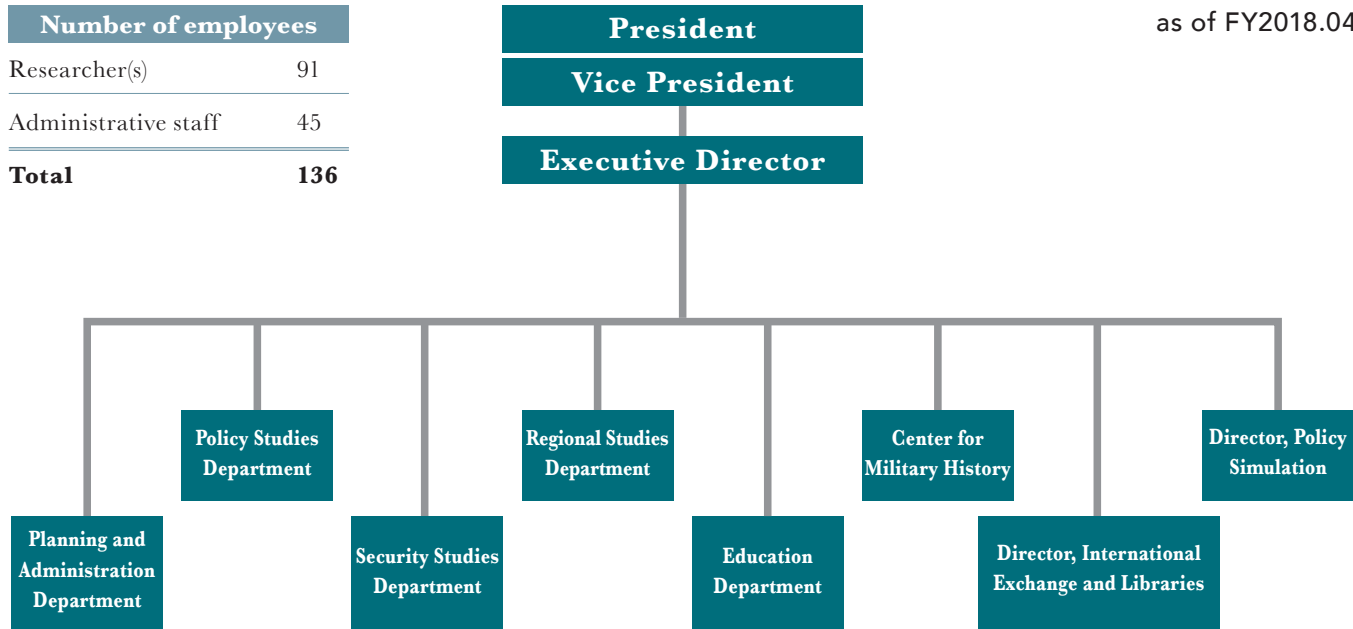
August 1952	Founded in Etchujima as the National Safety College of National Safety Agency
July 1954	Renamed the National Defense College of Defense Agency
August 1954	Relocated to Nakano from Etchujima
April 1956	Relocated to Kasumigaseki from Nakano
May 1956	Office of War History transferred from the Ground Staff College to the National Defense College
April 1958	Relocated to Meguro from Kasumigaseki
April 1973	Research Department (consisting of six research offices), and Education Department established
May 1976	Office of War History renamed as the Military History Department (consisting of two research offices)
July 1984	Research Department reorganized into the First and Second Research Departments
April 1985	Renamed the National Institute for Defense Studies
October 1994	Libraries of the Ground, Maritime, Air and Joint Staff Colleges incorporated into the NIDS Library
March 2001	Reading Room, the NIDS Library designated as a historical archive by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications
April 2002	The Military Archives officially established in the NIDS Library
April 2004	Position of Executive Director established and the First and Second Research Departments reorganized into the Research Department.
January 2007	Defense Agency renamed the Ministry of Defense
April 2009	The Seventh Research Office established in the Research Department
September 2011	The Planning and Administration Department created. At the same time, the Research Department was reorganized into the Policy Studies Department, Security Studies Department and Regional Studies Department; and the Department of Military History Study and the Military Archives (separated from the Library) were reorganized into the Center for Military History.
April 2015	Executive Director, Director (International Exchange and Libraries), and Director (Policy Simulation) established. (added)
April 2016	China Research Office established in the Regional Studies Department Office will be relocated to Ichigaya from Meguro (August)
August 2016	Relocated to Ichigaya from Meguro

Organization

National Institute for Defense Studies

Number of employees	
Researcher(s)	91
Administrative staff	45
Total	136

as of FY2018.04



Planning and Administration Department

General affairs, human resources, accounting, planning and coordination of research and education/training

Policy Studies Department

Conducts research on defense policies, defense buildup and military operations of Japan and other countries, and global security affairs

Security Studies Department

Conducts research on government, legislations, society, defense economics and post-conflict development

Regional Studies Department

Conducts research on international relations and security challenges in regions of the world

Education Department

Provides education on national security affairs to senior officers of the SDF and equivalent civilian officials of the MOD and other government agencies

Center for Military History

Conducts research on military history, compiles military history, and maintains and makes available military history archives

Director, International Exchange and Libraries

Supports research and educational activity being conducted at NIDS, the Joint Staff College the GSDF, MSDF and ASDF Staff Colleges by providing research and study and book regarding international research and educational exchanges

Director, Policy Simulation

Conducts policy simulation exercises regarding management and operation of Japan's Self-Defense Forces

Research on National Security Issues

The security environment surrounding Japan has become increasingly severe, “with various challenges and destabilizing factors becoming more tangible and acute,” in addition to becoming “complex, diverse, and wide-ranging” (Defense of Japan 2016). Against this backdrop, the role of NIDS is taking on an increasing importance. NIDS carries out research on national security issues in order to meet the policy needs of the Ministry of Defense in a timely and appropriate manner.

At NIDS, research is undertaken collaboratively between civilian official experts who have extensive research experience in a variety of fields, and uniformed personnel who have served in the SDF. NIDS also promotes the exchange and vitalization of human and intellectual resources with government agencies such as the National Security Secretariat, academic institutions including Japanese and foreign universities and think tanks, the business community such as private companies, and the media including news agencies.

Policy-Oriented Research

NIDS is multi-faceted. It is located inside the Ministry of Defense and thus is engaged with the policy-making process. At the same time, it is an academic research institute and enjoys a level of autonomy and academic freedom. In carrying out research, NIDS seeks to provide intellectual input that contributes to policies from a wide-ranging scope and medium- to long-term perspective, while resting on a broad academic foundation based on the policy needs of the Ministry of Defense.

Current Research Topics

To ensure responses to fluid strategic environments currently surrounding Japan, NIDS is exploring the following themes that are closely related to Japan’s national security:

•Security in the Asia-Pacific Region

NIDS conducts research and studies on Strategic environments of the Asia-Pacific region that have a great impact on Japan’s national security, especially the U.S., China, the Korean Peninsula, Russia, and Southeast Asia. NIDS takes a broad perspective, including diplomacy, economy, domestic policy and military affairs, to produce its own original analytical output. Moreover, in addition to the U.S.-Japan alliance, NIDS studies the modality of multilayered security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region with the perspective of achieving regional stability.

•Security Situation in Critical Areas Across the Globe

The situation in regions that are geographically remote but are nevertheless important has considerable impact on the security of Japan. Therefore, NIDS analyzes the security situation in a variety of regions, including the Middle East, Europe, and Africa.



Research on National Security Issues

•Global Security Issues

The international community faces threats such as proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles, international terrorism, and piracy. At the same time, there are concerns that stable access to the global commons including sea, space, and cyber space is increasingly at risk. Furthermore, the effects of climate change on the security environment must be watched closely. NIDS conducts research to identify solutions to these global security issues as well as the role of military power therein.

•Modern Conflicts and Roles of the Armed Forces

As modern conflicts become more diverse and hybrid, the role of the armed forces for managing these conflicts is also changing. NIDS analyzes the causes and characteristics of modern conflicts and studies ways to prevent such conflicts, respond to them if one breaks out, and contribute to post-conflict reconstruction and development.

•Research on the Development, Operation, and Institutions of Defense Capabilities

NIDS conducts research on matters such as defense strategy, national security legislation, defense procurement, crisis management, modality of defense organization and alliance, and trends in defense exchange and cooperation including military equipment, in cooperation with the Internal Bureau and each branch of the SDF.

Applications of Research Outcomes

NIDS engages in various activities to ensure the timely and appropriate provision and application of its research outcomes.

It is critical that the research outcomes of NIDS, as a think tank of the Ministry of Defense, are utilized as an aid in policy-making by the Ministry of Defense and other agencies, including the National Security Secretariat. NIDS carries out research upon request from the policy departments of the Ministry of Defense, as well as gives briefings to the Minister of Defense, senior officials of the ministry, and members of other ministries and agencies including the National Security Secretariat regarding security developments in East Asia and security issues of Japan. Furthermore, NIDS strives to share security information with the public by sending lecturers to seminars and other activities.

Every year NIDS organizes many study meetings, inviting experts in Japan and overseas from a broad array of fields. NIDS also hosts visits by government officials and delegations, including the top members of militaries and defense ministries, as well as renowned security experts, and holds exchanges of views with NIDS researchers. These occasions draw upon the know-how NIDS has developed over the years concerning security and regional situations.

The research outcomes of NIDS are made further available to a broad audience in the form of publications. The NIDS Journal of Defense and Security contains papers on NIDS' research outcomes, with a focus on contemporary security issues. The East Asian Strategic Review, a publication analyzing the strategic environment of East Asia and the events of importance concerning security, as well as China Security Report, a publication analyzing the strategic and military trends of China, are not only available in Japanese, but are also translated and published in English and in Chinese, respectively. Their analyses are closely followed by the media, government officials, and experts domestically and internationally.

Research Activities on Military History

NIDS, as the nation's foremost organization engaging in military history research, in addition to conducting studies on domestic and international military history, has recently expanded the breadth of its research to the development of Japanese security policy and international conflicts after World War II, which are increasingly becoming a part of history, in order to meet the requirements of defense policy as well as to conduct the education of the SDF in an appropriate manner. NIDS also preserves historical documents on the Imperial Army and Navy before and during World War II, which are open to the public. The Military History Department was reorganized into the Center for Military History, which comprises the following three subdivisions: the Military History Division, National Security Policy Division and International Conflict Division.

Applying the Lessons Learned from the Past to the Present

Publication of Senshi-Sosho (War History Series)

The NIDS Center for Military History dates back to 1955, when its predecessor, the Office of War Study, was established for the collection and organization of documents and records of the Imperial Army and Navy, as well as for the compilation of the military history of the Pacific War for publication. The military history was thus compiled as Senshi-Sosho in a total of 102 volumes from 1966 through 1980. The digitalization process for books was completed at the end of 2014, and is currently being processed for future release on the NIDS website and through other media.



Senshi-Sosho

Research

Research on military history provides the foundation for the examination of present and future national security environments and issues. Foreign countries' perspectives of war history are another important theme of study since the sharing of common historical perspectives among nations through long-term joint research and exchanges is highly meaningful for sustaining and improving mutual relationships. For this reason, NIDS now takes a multi-perspective approach in its history research activities to extend the scope of its research beyond the concept of biased "Japanese" or "Overseas" military history.

Research Themes

Based on recent research trends and historical materials, NIDS is working on the research themes shown below to continue the verification of historical facts associated with military history and contribute to security policy-making in contemporary Japan from a historical perspective.

•Review of World War II military history

NIDS is compiling World War II military history based on newly released historical materials, recent research findings, and perspectives from foreign countries.

•Research on Japanese post-World War II security policy history

NIDS is researching on Japanese post-World War II security policy, including the establishment and subsequent development of the SDF and also conducting an oral history.

•Research on international conflict history

NIDS is studying past international conflicts around the world in order to provide historical lessons that contribute to future security policy-making as well as the education of the SDF.

Survey and Recovery of Documents and Records of the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy in Foreign Countries

The compilation of military history requires the constant uncovering of new historical facts, in addition to a faithful verification of historical facts already revealed. Since more military history archives have become accessible in foreign countries with the passing of time, NIDS is making a strong effort to study and collect the military history documents necessary to discover new historical facts.

Recording and Preservation of Oral History

NIDS is making a strong effort to record and preserve oral history through interviews with persons who have been involved in past events related to post-World War II Japan's national security policy.



Oral history

Research Activities on Military History

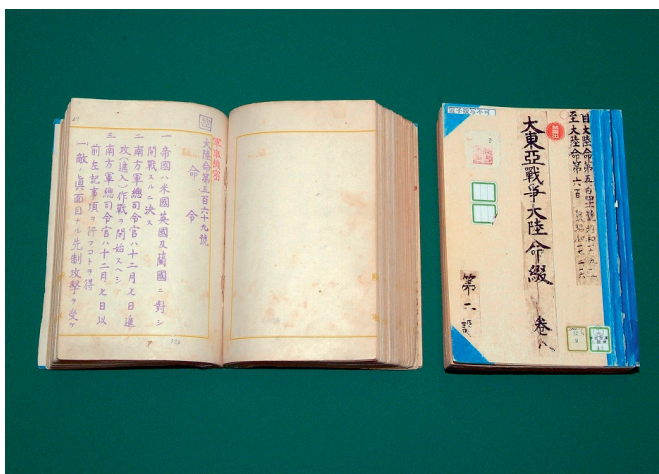
Open Access to Military History Documents

The Military Archives at the NIDS Center for Military History was originally the Reading Room of the former Library. On March 30, 2001, it was designated by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications as a special historical archive. The facility was reorganized in 2002, and again in 2011.

The collection of the Military Archives includes the records of the Imperial Army and Navy, which were transferred in 1956 from the Ministry of Health and Welfare (presently the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare), in charge of veterans affairs at the time, to the Office of War History; and documents that were seized by the Allied occupation forces upon Japan's surrender in 1945, but returned by the U.S. Department of State. In addition to the above records and documents, NIDS has collected historical documents that were created by and in the possession of individuals between the 1868 Meiji Restoration and 1945. Currently, the NIDS collection amounts to approximately 159,000 documents on the Imperial Army and Navy (58,000 documents on the Army, 38,000 on the Navy, and 63,000 books on military history in general).

In the same way as the National Archives of Japan, the Military Archives at the NIDS Center for Military History makes these documents available to the public and accepts inquiries about the collection. The Military Archives receives approximately 2,000 inquiries from inside and outside Japan and is visited by approximately 3,000 users per year.

Furthermore, it digitizes historical materials related to military history (official documents) and provides this data to the Japan Center for Asian Historical Records, National Archives of Japan (www.jacar.go.jp/english/).



Imperial General Headquarters army directives
(World War II)



Action report (Russo-Japanese War)

Military Archives, Center for Military History

Hours : 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed : Weekends, national holidays, New Year's holiday, etc.

Inquiries : 03-3260-7102

* Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to use the historical materials kept at the Military Archives.

•The collection of the Military Archives, Center for Military History

The collection of Military Archives comprises more than 18,200 core historical documents of the following two types:

Army Documents—A permanent collection of “Rikugunsho Dainikki,” which consists of approximately 7,700 books and official documents compiled and edited by the Army Ministry from 1868 to 1942 organized according to roughly 20 categories.

Navy Documents—A permanent collection of “Kaigunsho Koubunbikou,” which consists of approximately 10,500 books and official documents compiled and edited by the Navy Ministry from 1876 to 1937 organized according to roughly 20 categories.

Additionally, our Military Archives houses ordinances, unit diaries, and action reports of the Army and Navy. The collection covers the wars that Japan was involved in, such as the Sino-Japanese War (1894–95), Russo-Japanese War (1904–05), World War I (1914–18), and World War II (1939–45).



Reading room



Archival depository

Education of SDF Officers and Executive Personnel

Training Future National Security Leaders

Officials and officers in senior positions in the MOD/SDF need to possess extensive national security knowledge. NIDS provides national security and defense education from military and policy perspectives. Differing from other SDF educational institutions, students at NIDS include SDF officers ranked colonel/captain, executive personnel from the Ministry of Defense and other government agencies, employees of private companies as well as military personnel etc. from overseas. In addition to defending the country, the Ministry of Defense and the SDF are expected to independently and proactively engage in activities to promote international peace and to improve the international security environment through peacekeeping operations and defense-related exchanges. Amidst this, the education provided at NIDS is becoming of increasing importance.

Characteristics of the Curriculum

The education provided at NIDS has four characteristics. The first is an emphasis on interaction between uniformed and civilian students from various career backgrounds. To facilitate this, the curriculum is structured to enable NIDS students to acquire advanced security knowledge through discussions about national defense and through mutual cooperation.

The second characteristic is a curriculum formulated based on a long-term perspective. Education at NIDS not only helps students execute assignments after graduation, but also contributes to their careers in higher level positions.

The third characteristic is the objective of broadening and deepening the perspective of students. This stems from the requirement of leaders involved in creating and implementing strategies to comprehensively understand situations, identify problems based on accurate analysis, and find appropriate resolution methods.

The fourth characteristic is that education at NIDS covers a wide range of areas. Students are required to acquire knowledge about security, international relations, domestic issues, science and technology, and economics, as well as military issues.



The 64th Regular Course overseas field trip (Italy)



Regular Course

Courses

NIDS provides two types of courses every year to train officials and officers with senior positions in the MOD/SDF: the Regular Course and the Special Course.

•Regular Course

This is a 10-month course held from September to June primarily targeting SDF officers ranked colonel/ captain and assistant director-level personnel. Assistant director-level personnel from other government agencies and communities, foreign military officers ranked colonel or lieutenant colonel/ captain or commander, and private company employees also take this course.

The course covers security, military affairs, science and technology, economics, international relations, and domestic issues. Students obtain extensive and comprehensive knowledge on security and defense issues through lectures, as well as by analyzing and studying developments in domestic and international situations. Building upon this knowledge, acquired through simulation exercises and group discussions, students explore security and defense policies of the future from not only a military perspective but also a policy perspective. Also, throughout the course, students develop their abilities to gain insights into the essence of matters to promote flexible and logical thinking and make judgments and express themselves soundly and reasonably.

In addition to the NIDS researchers, lecturers include professors invited from domestic and international educational and research institutes and ambassadors of various countries in Japan. Their various lectures deepen students' understanding of foreign defense policies. Furthermore, a large number of seminars are also held to help students acquire specialized knowledge according to their respective interests.

All students in this course are required to write a thesis. This provides them with an opportunity to review the past lectures and envision how the security of Japan should be ensured.

During the term, students visit foreign research institutes and military units to build a global perspective.

Since FY2016, NIDS also offers the Strategic Studies Research Program in collaboration with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). Some students of the regular course enroll in this program, and further broaden their horizons and develop a professional network through interacting with students, professors, and other people at the university from Japanese and foreign governments as well as administrative agencies. Once students have completed the required number of credits and successfully finished their thesis, they are conferred a master's degree in policy studies.



Lecture by Ambassador of India to Japan



Students receiving their diplomas after completing their Master's degree program jointly administered by the GRIPS and the NIDS.

Education of SDF Officers and Executive Personnel

•Special Course

This is a 3-week intensive course provided every year in July targeting officers ranked major general/rear admiral or colonel/captain, and director-level Internal Bureaus personnel. In addition to international affairs, security, and defense issues, the course focuses on current policy issues around Japan.

Director-level personnel from national government agencies other than the Ministry of Defense and from local governments, and private company senior employees also take this course as students.

Careers of alumni have demonstrated the effectiveness of the education at NIDS. For those who have completed the both courses are now serving as key commanders such as the Joint Chief of Staff of each service or senior officers involved in decision-making.

International Students

Officers ranked colonel/captain from various countries have been accepted to the Regular Course as international students since 1981. In accordance with the international exchange promotion policy, NIDS has been providing a scholarship to those international students who meet necessary conditions for their education since 1998 and accommodation since 2001.



International students of the 65th Regular Course
(From left: one student from India, one from Myanmar, two from the Republic of Korea, one from Thailand, two from the United States, and one from Vietnam)

Guest Lecturers

As guest lecturers for the Regular Course, NIDS invites ambassadors from different countries residing in Japan, Diet members of different parties, U.S. commanders residing in Japan, the Administrative Vice-Minister of Defense, the Chief of Joint Staff, university professors, and non-government researchers.



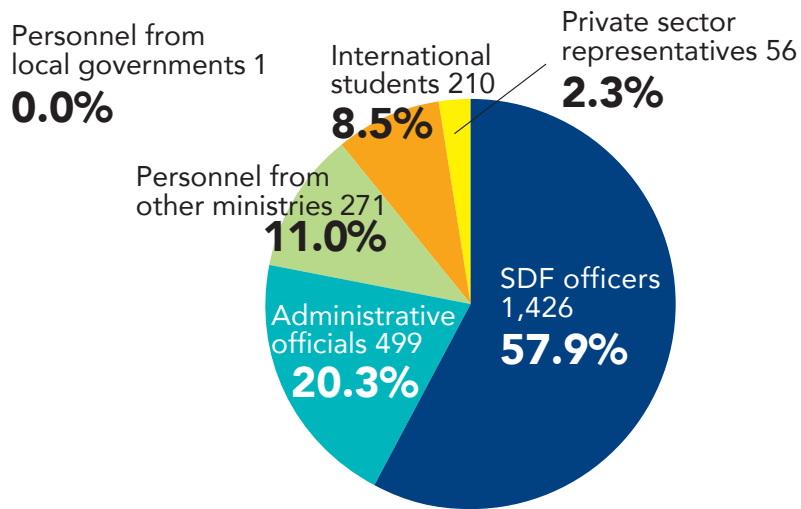
Dennis Cutler Blair, the former United States Director of National Intelligence

Table 1: Outline of the Regular Course

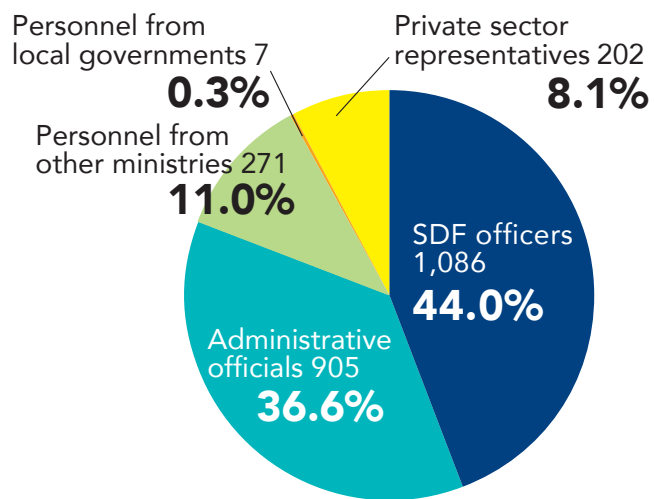
	1st quarter (September to December)	2nd quarter (December to February)	3rd quarter (February to April)	4th quarter (April to June)	
Lectures	International security theory Strategic theory U.S. security policy East Asian security 1 Law and security Introduction to war history The Cold War and Japan's security policy Economy and security	Conflicts and international society Regional security 1 East Asian security 2 Economy and security Arms control, disarmament & non-proliferation Defense of Japan	Science and technology, and security Social safety and crisis management Military History of modern Japan Cyber and Security Regional security 2 Defense of Japan	Defense of Japan	
		Thesis writing		Thesis presentation	
	Seminar I	Seminar II	Seminar III		
	Policy Simulation				
	Domestic field trip (government agencies, the SDF, companies in the private sector, and so on)			Overseas field trips	
	Special Lecture, International Forum on War History, International Symposium on Security Affairs, lectures by ambassadors to Japan				
	Entrance ceremony				Graduation ceremony



Table 2: Breakdown of NIDS students (Regular and Special Courses)



Cumulative number of regular course NIDS students (participants in the 1st to the 65th course: 2,463 in total)



Cumulative number of special course NIDS students (participants in the 1st to the 63th course: 2,471 in total)

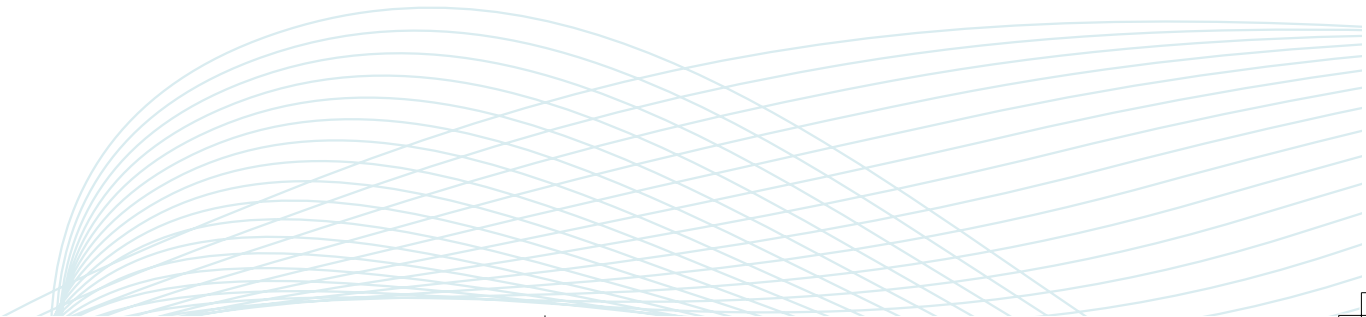


Table 3: Breakdown of international student nationality (Regular Course)

	61th	62th	63th	64th	65th
United States of America	○	○	○	○	○
Australia	○		○	○	
Republic of Korea	○		○		○
Republic of Indonesia	○	○			
Kingdom of Thailand	○	○		○	○
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam			○		○
Republic of the Union of Myanmar					○
India		○	○	○	○
French Republic		○			
Federal Republic of Germany			○		

Table 4: Location of overseas field trips (Regular Course)

	60th	61th	62th	63th	64th
United States of America		○		○	
Canada		○			
Australia	○		○		○
People's Republic of China	○	○	○	○	○
Republic of Korea		○		○	
Mongolia			○		○
Republic of Indonesia		○		○	
Malaysia		○			
Kingdom of Thailand	○				○
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam	○				○
Republic of the Philippines			○		
Republic of the Union of Myanmar			○		
India	○		○		○
Brunei Darussalam				○	
Italian Republic		○			○
Swiss Confederation		○			
French Republic			○		
Kingdom of Belgium			○		○
Federal Republic of Germany				○	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland				○	

* The objective of the Regular Course is to carry out research on Japan's security policy. In order to examine the international environment during the course of the research, NIDS provides overseas field trips as an important element of the training from a security environment point of view. From 2013 these field trips were divided into four courses and are held annually.



International Exchanges

NIDS is rapidly expanding its range of international exchanges. Within the Ministry of Defense, NIDS plays an important role in international exchanges in the defense field and in security dialogue and also as a member of the regional security community, and contributes to the improvement and further stabilization of the security environment.

As a think tank of the Ministry of Defense, NIDS actively promotes dialogues and exchanges of opinion with foreign security/defense research institutions through regular mutual visits. NIDS, as an institution equivalent to the National Defense University mutually convenes lectures given by exchange professors, sends/receives educational field trip delegations, as well as participates in international conferences of national defense universities. In FY2018, NIDS will host the 22nd ARF Heads of the National Defence Universities and Colleges Meeting for the first time in 17 years.

NIDS also develops its research networks through inviting and soliciting overseas researchers and experts for seminars, accepting visiting fellows, allowing in-house researchers to participate in overseas research trips and international conferences, and sending them to study/research abroad.

One of the strengths of NIDS is in producing productive interchanges along with the extensive research outcomes and abilities of experts in various fields. NIDS contributes to the formulation of governmental policies by holding seminars and international conferences based on its expertise in policy-oriented research.

Participation in Multilateral National Defense University Commandant Meetings

As one of its members, the president of NIDS attends the annual ARF Heads of Defense Universities, Colleges and Institutions Meeting (HDUCIM), which was first held in 1997. NIDS hosted the 5th HDUCIM in 2001. Since 2009, NIDS has participated in the NATO Defense College Conference of Commandants.

Furthermore, NIDS served as the co-chair of the 21st ARF meeting held in the Philippines in 2017 and NIDS will play host to the 22nd ARF meeting in 2018.

Intercommunication on Research and Education

•United States

With Japan's ally, the United States, NIDS routinely conducts study meetings and opinion exchanges between governmental organizations, militaries, and think tanks, as well as experts from universities. For example, NIDS interacts with the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) in the National Defense University in order to contribute to strengthening Japan-U.S. cooperation on security policies.

Also, every year NIDS sends its researchers to the United States to discuss the situation in East Asia. In recent years, more high-level U.S. officials are visiting NIDS.

•China

NIDS has been interacting with the National Defense University of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) through not only sending our instructors to give lectures, but also holding study meetings and visiting China on field trips. In accordance with the joint press announcement released after the Japan-China Defense Ministerial meeting in 2009, NIDS has strengthened its relationship with the top research institution of PLA, the Academy of Military Science. Furthermore, NIDS conducts joint research with the China Foundation for International and Strategic Studies. In addition, NIDS interacts with numerous research institutes, including the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, and China Foreign Affairs University.

•Russia

NIDS has been interacting with the Center for Military and Strategic Studies of the General Staff of the Armed Forces and the Military Academy of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

•Republic of Korea

NIDS not only conducts lectures through dispatches of instructors but also study meetings and regular field trips with the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA) and Korean National Defense University (KNDU). In addition, NIDS is conducting a research exchange on military history with the Institute for Military History.

•Australia

NIDS engages in activities such as research exchange, sending lecturers, mutual visits including regular field trips, and guest researcher exchange, with the Australian Defense College (ADC) and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI). NIDS also has experience of joint research with the Australian National University (ANU). As Japan-Australian Security ties develop, relationship-building on research is also actively encouraged.

•Southeast Asia

In order to cultivate better understanding and mutual trust on the security issues facing Southeast Asian countries, NIDS is interacting with defense research organizations and civilian institutions. In particular, mutual visits take place frequently with countries such as Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Malaysia.

•India

NIDS has bilateral dialogue with Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), India. This dialogue is a part of defense and security cooperation stipulated in Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation, 2008 and Memorandum on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges, 2014.

•Europe

NIDS has been interacting with security institutes and educational organizations in many European countries through mutual visits and opinion exchange, as well as study meetings of researchers or research group. For example, NIDS conducted joint research with the Swedish Defense Institute (FOI) and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), held a workshop, and issued joint reports. In 2013, in accordance with strengthening the security cooperation between Japan and NATO Stipulated by the joint political declaration by Prime Minister Abe and NATO Secretary General, Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, NIDS began exchanges with NATO Defense College.

•Other Countries

NIDS also interacts with many research and educational organizations in countries and regions that are not listed above.

NIDS mainly conducts exchanges with the Royal Military College (RMC).

NIDS began interacting with national defense universities and research institutes in Middle East countries in 2014. NIDS also started research exchange with Pakistan National Defense University in 2012.

International Exchanges

Organizing International Conferences

NIDS hosts international conferences on security and military history annually. The conferences consist of not only academic themes, but also international or regional issues, or challenges encountered regarding political issues. Therefore, the conferences are wide-ranging in features.

•NIDS International Symposium on Security Affairs

This symposium was first held as the International Roundtable Discussion in 1985 and was renamed as the current title in 1999. This symposium is the largest international conference hosted by NIDS.

Every year, NIDS brings together renowned intellectuals from home and abroad, and they give lectures, presentations, and panel discussions. Since the discussions are open to the public, a wide variety of audience members observe these discussions, such as government or military personnel, researchers or experts, members of the press and general individuals interested in the themes discussed. The symposium plays an important role in helping people gain a deeper understanding of security issues. The results of past symposiums are published on the NIDS website.



NIDS International Symposium on Security Affairs in July 2017



NIDS International Forum on War History in September 2017

•NIDS International Forum on War History

NIDS began holding this forum in 2002 for the purpose of reviewing war history from multiple perspectives. At the forum, foreign researchers give presentations on military history. The objective of the forum is to deepen the understanding and trust among participating countries. Discussions are open to the public. The results of past forums are listed on the NIDS website.

•International Workshop on Asia-Pacific Security

This workshop was first held in 2010 to exchange opinions about security issues faced by Asia-Pacific countries. NIDS invites security experts from the region to host discussions in a workshop style. Proceedings are posted on the NIDS website as the "NIDS Joint Research Series".



International Workshop on Asia-Pacific Security
in January 2017

•Global Security Seminar

This seminar has been held since 2013 to deepen understanding regarding global security issues that are transnational and transregional in nature. Under such themes as space cooperation in Europe (2014) and impacts of the peaceful use of nuclear power on international security (2016), experts from outside of Japan are invited to lead seminars, which are utilized for opinion exchanges with practitioners inside and outside the Ministry of Defense.

•ICRC International Peace Cooperation Seminar

NIDS invites experts and practitioners from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and holds a seminar. NIDS began hosting this seminar in 2009. This seminar discusses various issues under humanitarian laws posed by modern conflict as well as the current situation and issues related to international peace cooperation, including humanitarian assistance and nation building, and exchanges views with practitioners of the Ministry of Defense and SDF.

Overseas Dispatching and Inviting of Researchers

NIDS mainly dispatches young and mid-career researchers to overseas research institutes/universities to improve their research skills or obtain doctoral degrees, and also accepts security researchers from abroad as visiting research fellows. Additionally, NIDS established a fellowship system that invites overseas researchers with NIDS expense.

Through these programs, NIDS will deepen exchanges with the Asia-Pacific region and, in recent years, NIDS has made strides in advancing exchanges with Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East. NIDS encourages interactions of personnel because it contributes to the development of the research and education of NIDS and strengthens the research network between researchers and between think tanks.

Information Dissemination

Information dissemination at NIDS has two goals. The first is to disseminate views and research results on security aimed at encouraging discussion while at the same time contributing to academic development. The second is to proactively provide information outside of the organization. In particular, the dissemination of information to overseas researchers can be correlated with the building of a relationship of mutual trust and understanding through the fostering of objective and constructive debate. The dissemination of information at NIDS is done through the production of various publications and the holding of public seminars.

Publications

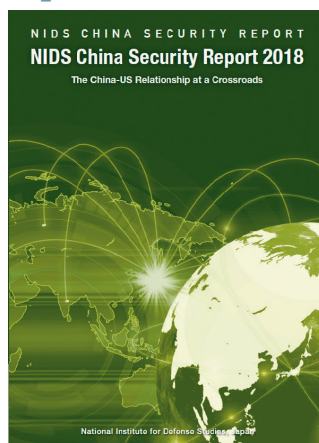
•East Asian Strategic Review

NIDS began publishing the East Asian Strategic Review in 1996. It introduces the opinions of NIDS researchers on important events with regard to strategic environments or security in the East Asian region. Its articles cover the Korean Peninsula, China, Taiwan, Southeast Asia, Russia, the U.S. and Japan. Surrounding areas are also analyzed from the Japanese security point of view. Japanese and English versions are published annually and are also available commercially.



East Asian Strategic Review, Japanese and English versions, 2017

•NIDS China Security Report

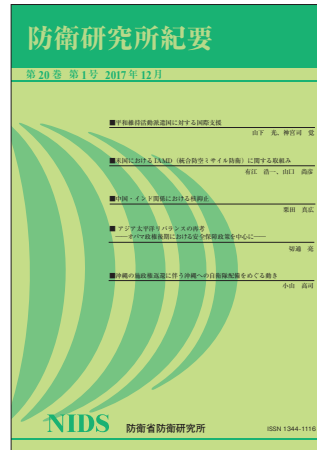


NIDS China Security Report, Japanese, English, and Chinese versions, 2018

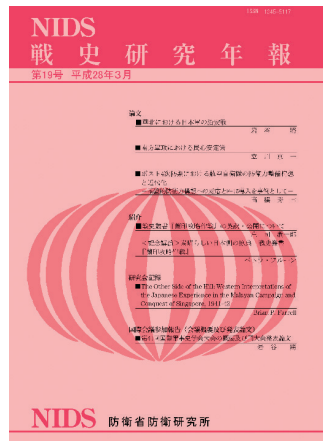
NIDS began publishing the China Security Report in 2010. In each issue, NIDS researchers analyze Chinese military and security trends from their unique point of view and introduce them broadly, both internally and externally. This report is published annually in Japanese, English, and Chinese, and downloadable from the NIDS website.

•NIDS Journal of Defense and Security

NIDS began publishing Boeikenkyusho Kiyo in 1997. Boeikenkyusho Kiyo has contained articles authored by NIDS researchers, mainly incorporating outcomes of research on modern security issues conducted at NIDS. It is published two times a year in Japanese and once a year in English.



NIDS Journal of Defense and Security, Japanese and English versions, 2017



NIDS Military History Studies Annual, 2016

•NIDS Military History Studies Annual

NIDS began publishing the Military History Studies Annual in 1997. This publication introduces military history research papers and activities of the Center for Military History. It also provides information on military history documents.

•NIDS NEWS

NIDS began publishing NIDS NEWS in 1997. It is published to introduce NIDS activities internally as well as externally. The publication is also available for viewing on the NIDS website. Moreover, it provides information on historical documents the NIDS Center for Military History possesses and discloses.

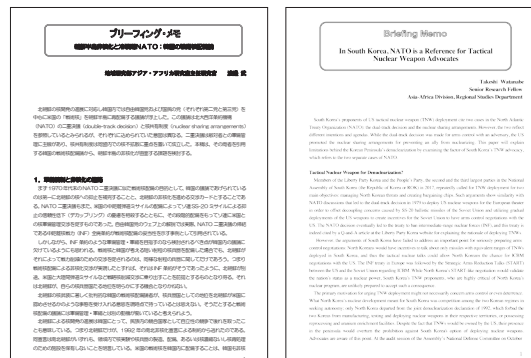


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•Briefing Memo

Since September 2002, the Briefing Memo has been published on the NIDS website practically every month. It provides timely analysis of security and defense issues.



Briefing Memo, Japanese, English

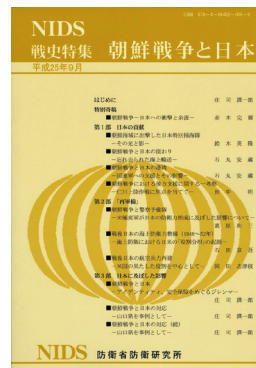


•NIDS Joint Research Series

NIDS began publishing this series in 2008. Each issue is a collection of papers introducing the result of collaborative researches with foreign research institutes and researchers.

•Special Issue on Military History

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement of the Korean War in 2013, NIDS has compiled and issued/published a special issue with articles analyzing mainly the relationship between the Korean War and Japan, drawing on the results of past research on the Korean War conducted at NIDS.



The Korean War and Japan



History of Falkland War

•History of Falkland War

Since the 30th anniversary of Falkland War (2012), NIDS has been reviewing and publishing of implication towards to the present by analyzing the war from diplomatic side and military side.

Public Seminars

Of the three international conferences that NIDS hosts (see page 19), the NIDS International Symposium on Security Affairs and the NIDS International Forum on War History welcome public audiences. Results, details, and schedules of the public seminars are released on the NIDS website.

Website

The majority of published materials and meeting reports listed below can be found on the NIDS website (<http://www.nids.mod.go.jp/english>).

•Publications released on the NIDS website (<http://www.nids.mod.go.jp/english>)

Academic publications

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- NIDS Journal of Defense and Security
- NIDS Military History Studies Annual (available in Japanese only)
- Briefing Memo
- NIDS Commentary
- NIDS Joint Research Series
- Council of Defense-Strategic Studies
- Special Issue "The Korean War and Japan" (available in Japanese only)
- History of Falkland War

•Symposium & Forum Proceedings

- NIDS International Symposium on Security Affairs (outline and report)
- NIDS International Forum on War History (outline and report)
- Workshop on security in Asia Pacific

•Other publications

- NIDS NEWS (available in Japanese only)



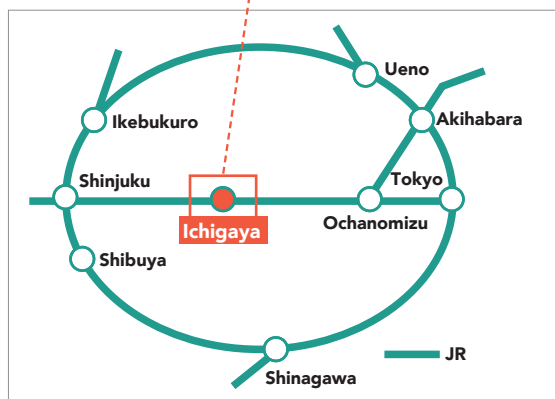
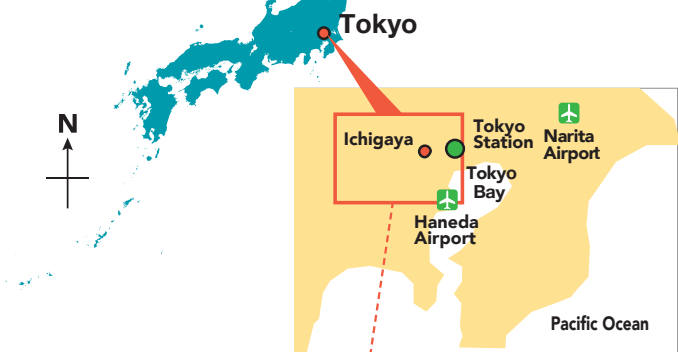
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