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FOREWORD

As part of defense exchanges between Japan and Russia, the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) and the Center for Military and Strategic Studies, General Staff of the Armed Forces, the Russian Federation (CMSS GS), have continued annual defense research exchanges since 1993, through which the Japanese and Russian researchers discussed various security issues in East Asia as well as a range of security challenges that confront the two nations.

Building on these past exchanges, NIDS and the CMSS GS embarked on a two-year joint research project on security issues in the Asia-Pacific region during FY2005 and FY2006 (ending in March 2007), and we are pleased to announce the publication of its final report. This report is a collection of policy papers, with both sides expressing personal opinions on the theme of each chapter. We expect that a report showing where Japanese and Russian views do and do not converge on the security of the Asia-Pacific will be of great significance in considering future security cooperation between Japan and Russia.

The contributor to Part 1 of this final report from NIDS is Yoshiaki Sakaguchi, Deputy Chief of Research Department (former Chief of First Research Office, Research Department), and the contributors to Part 2 from the CMSS GS are reserve Lieutenant General Anatoliy Klimenko, former Director of the CMSS GS and currently visiting research fellow of the Institute for Far Eastern Studies, and Colonel Vladimir Afanasyev, Deputy Director of the CMSS GS. They expressed personal views in their contributions to this final report, and are responsible for their respective parts.

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