

## Preface

This monograph is composed of submitted papers for the fourth “International Workshop on Asia-Pacific Security” hosted by the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) on January 16 and 17, 2013. This workshop invited distinguished experts on security from various countries in the Asia Pacific.

The theme of the workshop was “Security Outlook of the Asia-Pacific Countries and Its Implications for the Defense Sector.” Each participant presented a perspective on the assigned country’s security outlook, including significant security challenges and their implications for the country’s defense policy, force structure, and defense procurement, and future prospects of regional security cooperation.

In the Asia Pacific, there has been progress in building frameworks of security cooperation such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the East Asia Summit (EAS) and the ASEAN Defense Ministers’ Meeting (ADMM) Plus. However, traditional security issues remain in this region, while non-traditional issues like terrorism, maritime security, and natural disaster are also looming large on the security agenda of the region. We hope that this monograph will contribute to sharing knowledge about security issues facing the region and deepening mutual understanding and cooperation between Japan and Asia-Pacific countries.

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