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# **Towards co-operative acquisition**

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# Background

- JFSS conducted survey for report of “International Cooperative Development of Advanced Defense Systems and its Influence on Japanese Defense Industry” -contracted with the Japan Machinery Federation (JMF)-
  - Learned defense industrial policy of EU (UK, France, Sweden) and U.S .
  - Defense industrial base is fundamental for defense capability
  - Best value for the tax payer
  - Strictly controlled Arms Export, support international security
  - Global responsibility through technology innovation

# Perception of Arms in Japan

- Japan's Arms Export Policy
  - Actually Not “3 Principles”, but “1 Principle” prohibiting arms export
  - Exceptions
    - Defense technologies to U.S.
    - U.S.-Japan BMD Cooperative R&D
  - Case-by-case
    - Anti-terrorism, anti-piracy, co-development/ production with U.S.
- Media, Academia
  - Non Arms Export policy supports
    - Arms Reduction Diplomacy
    - Fundamental for Peace loving country
  - Arms for War
  - Arms export as a “Merchant of Death”

# Change! Japanese mindset

- Arms for Peace keeping
  - Armed Forces support PKO/PKF
  - Maintain regional stability
- Arms export for alliance
  - Support for friendly countries
  - Encourage international/multi-national cooperation
- Time to change to contribute international responsibility

# Way ahead

- Working level
  - Continue US-Japan BMD Cooperative Development for Aegis/SM-3, then to production
  - Try to export licensed product to licensor country
    - export Arms related technologies/ products should be strictly controlled
- Policy level
  - Change mindset of Japanese people for Arms
  - Change policy to more international collaboration
  - Need requests from other countries
    - Government level
    - Industry level