

DLA Director visits DDDK, MSO-K

Defense Logistics Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail and Kim Huntley, Executive Director, DLA Customer Operations and Readiness, visited Defense Distribution Depot Korea, or DDDK, and Map Support Office Korea Jan. 31, 2007.

DDDK Commander Army Lt. Col. James Lippstreu, and Deputy Commander Pete Halseth discussed with Dail the capabilities DDDK has to offer theater customers such as cross-docking multi-mix surface containers, trans-shipments, and in-transit visibility of freight shipments.

Dail was impressed with the partnership DDDK has forged among the Korean National and U.S. workforce and DDDK's theater customers. He described the facility as world-class.

Huntley said that DDDK is the only facility in the world that has the best-

collocated facilities with a map support office, and that DDDK and MSO-K were setting the standard.

Dail said there were opportunities for DLA to take a more active role in collapsing multiple Army storage sites on Camp Carroll. He saw this as a similar concept that is being done in the states between DLA and Army maintenance sites.

Dail also sees opportunities to help the Army reduce transportation costs it currently incurs when requisitioning certain items.

DDDK's primary mission is to provide enhanced physical distribution services to the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines located on or units moving through the Korean Peninsula. DDDK is reducing transportation costs and customer wait time in support of forces located in Korea.

DDDK was established Jan. 28, 2005, and became the Defense Distribution Center's 26th distribution facility.

DDDK was established based on a support request from the United States Army 19th



DLA Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert Dail, left, talks with Defense Distribution Depot Korea Deputy Commander Pete Halseth and Commander Army Lt. Col. James Lippstreu about DDDK.

Theater Support Command now 19th ESC. In June 2004, a memorandum of agreement between the US Forces Korea, Installation Management Agency Korea Office, Civilian Human Resource Agency-Korea Region and the DDC was signed for the establishment for DDDK using existing facilities in Camp Carroll, Korea.

DDYJ hosts JMSDF 4th Maritime Service School

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Hirobumi Akoh, warehouse supervisor, accompanies Japan Maritime Self Defense Force intermediate officer students during a walk through of Building 5000.

Besides the traditional mochi tsuki or rice-pounding ceremony and customary exchange of cultural gifts between



Hirobumi Akoh, DDYJ warehouse supervisor, accompanies Japan Maritime Self Defense Force intermediate officer students during a walk through of Building 5000. (Photo by Reiko Kobayashi)

allies, the U.S. Armed Forces and the Japan Self Defense Force have steadily forged an alliance through cooperative participation in world affairs and military training over the past several decades. This bond is evident in the ongoing relationship between Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan, and the JSDF, Japan's combined naval, air and ground forces. The partnership dates as far back as 1952 when DDYJ was the distribution element of what was known as the Naval Supply Depot.

Recently, DDYJ welcomed naval students from the 4th Maritime Service School at Maizuru city in Kyoto Prefecture. The service school trains officers that will eventually become part of the elite in the supply corps of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force. "Frequently, the school sends students to DDYJ to learn and observe distribution operations," said Akimasa Kojima, the senior Japanese National employee for DDYJ.

JMSDF has expressed a deep interest in the joint concept of logistics

employed worldwide by defense distribution centers such as DDYJ. The JSDF supply system is currently segregated and has been limited to the Japan Theater, but JSDF is now working with other countries to expand their reach. This visit gave them an opportunity to view operations first hand and provided them with valuable knowledge that they can take back with them to support a future joint supply system for Japan's defense forces.

The students were given an introductory brief on the Defense Logistics Agency. This included presentations on the structure of DLA from the defense supply centers who manage and procure supplies to the Defense Distribution Center with its global network of 26 distribution centers that store and ship those supplies. They were also given a tour of DDYJ facilities where operations for receiving, storage, inventory, system support, packing, and shipping were in progress. "The students were very impressed," said Kojima.