

With eyes on China, US and Japan vow new security collaboration

WASHINGTON, April 10 (Reuters) – U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida promised a “new era” of U.S.-Japan strategic cooperation on Wednesday, laying out a series of projects from co-development of missiles to manned moon landings, while condemning China’s escalatory behavior in the region.

In a joint statement from a Washington summit, the two said their aim was to build a global security partnership “fit for purpose” for complex, interconnected challenges.

Biden stressed an unwavering U.S. commitment to defend Japan using its full range of capabilities, including nuclear, and the two said Japan’s moves to enhance its defense structure and abilities launched “a new era of U.S.-Japan security cooperation.”

The two sides said a planned upgrade of their military command-and-control frameworks would enable greater interoperability and planning in peacetime and during conflicts.

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