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Overview of ATLA Commissioner Imakyurei's Participation in the NATO Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD)

On October 29, 2026, Mr. **IMAKYUREI**, Commissioner of the Acquisition, Technology & Logistics Agency (ATLA), participated in the NATO Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD) held in Brussels, Belgium.

Commissioner Imakyurei became the first ATLA Commissioner from Japan to participate in the CNAD in the Interoperability Platform (IP) format, to which NATO partner countries, including Japan, are invited.

During a session on NATO Ankara Summit and their implementation, Commissioner Imakyurei noted that Minister of Defense Koizumi had attended the Ankara Summit in July, marking the first participation by a Japanese Minister of Defense. He also shared Japan's efforts to strengthen its defense production and technology base and the progress in Japan-NATO defense equipment and industrial cooperation. He also emphasized the inseparability of the security of the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific regions and the importance of cooperation with like-minded countries in strengthening defense production capacity, and exchanged views with his counterparts from participating countries.





On the margins of the CNAD, Commissioner Imakyurei also held a meeting with Ms. Jaakkola, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Industry, Innovation and Armaments and Chair of the CNAD. They exchanged views on the further development of Japan-NATO defense equipment and industrial cooperation, including in the areas of standardization and innovation. Commissioner Imakyurei also held bilateral meetings with Mr. Duffy, U.S. Under Secretary of War for Acquisition and Sustainment; Lt Gen Boekholt, National Armaments

Director of the Netherlands; and Dr. Loher, Director of the Swiss Federal Office for Defence Procurement (armasuisse). They exchanged views on further promoting defense equipment and technology cooperation.

* Interoperability Platform (IP) format
A format to which NATO's 21 partner countries, in addition to NATO's 32 member countries, are invited. The 21 partner countries are Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, Serbia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates.