

## Japan-Germany Defense Ministers' Meeting (Summary)

June 2nd, 2018  
Ministry of Defense

On June 2nd, 2018, Defense Minister Onodera, who was visiting Singapore to attend the IISS Asia Security Conference (Shangri-La Dialogue), had a defense ministerial meeting with Defence Minister of Germany Ursula von der Leyen. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

### 1. North Korea Issues

In the opening, Minister Onodera stated that it is important to take advantage of the U.S.-North Korea Summit to substantially advance nuclear, missile, and abduction issues. He also stated that, though North Korea is changing its policy, the sanction should be remained in place until North Korea takes a concrete step, and that he would like to cooperate with Germany for that purpose.

In response, Minister von der Leyen said that she strongly condemns North Korea's irresponsible acts, and that she fully understands Japan's position. She also stated that whole range of issues should be on the table in the upcoming U.S.-North Korea summit, and for that many country should raise their voice.

### 2. Japan-Germany Defense Cooperation and Exchanges

The two Ministers highly valued the development of the bilateral cooperation and shared the view that they will strengthen their cooperation, including through NATO, particularly in the area of cyber.

### 3. Regional Situations

The Ministers also exchanged their views on regional security situation including that in the South China Sea.