

Defense Minister Onodera's Courtesy Call on
Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore (Summary)

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Ministry of Defense

On June 3rd, 2018, Defense Minister Onodera, who was visiting Singapore to attend the IISS Asia Security Conference (Shangri-La Dialogue), paid a courtesy call on Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore Teo Chee Hean. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening

In the opening, Deputy Prime Minister Teo thanked for the speech by Minister Onodera the day before, saying that the speech was quite timely in the light of the North Korean situation. In response, Minister Onodera showed his gratitude for this year's arrangement of the Shangri-La dialogue and respect toward the role that Singapore is playing as a host for the upcoming U.S.-North Korea summit scheduled on June 12th.

2. North Korea

In terms of the U.S.-North Korea summit scheduled for June 12th in Singapore, Minister Onodera stated that it attracts attention from the whole world, and that he expects this meeting to be an opportunity to substantially advance issues including nuclear and missiles. Additionally, he stated that it is necessary and critical to extract concrete action from North Korea to realize complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement of all kind of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges. Minister Onodera also stated that the mistakes in the past should not be repeated, and that he underlined that point in his speech.

In response, Deputy Prime Minister Teo responded that Singapore is making preparations for the summit so that the meeting will go smoothly.

3. Bilateral and Multilateral Defense Cooperation and Exchanges

The two sides shared the view that they will promote cooperation, taking advantage of multilateral frameworks including ADMM Plus, under Singapore's chairmanship of ASEAN this year.