

Japan-Vietnam Defense Ministerial 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 Minister of National Defense of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Ngo Xuan Lich. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening

In the opening, Minister Onodera said that he was pleased to meet with Minister Lich again since this April, and stated that, including the success of the recent visit of President Quang, the bilateral cooperation between the two countries was steadily moving forward beyond security cooperation. In response, Minister Lich conveyed his willingness to further promote their bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges based on the “Joint Vision Statement on Japan-Vietnam Defense Cooperation” signed in April.

2. Japan-Vietnam Defense Cooperation and Exchange

Both Ministers highly valued the development of the bilateral cooperation especially in the area of unit exchanges, and shared the view that they would proceed to develop defense cooperation and exchanges in concrete areas such as PKO and capacity building assistance.

3. Regional Situations

With regard to the situation in the South China Sea, Minister Onodera stated that any attempts to alter the status quo by force cannot be accepted, which Minister Lich shared the recognition.