

Japan France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Summary)

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Japan Ministry of Defense

On November 23rd, 2019, commencing at 15:25 pm (local time) for approx. 20 minutes, Defense Minister Kono, who was visiting Bahrain to attend the 15th Manama Dialogue, held a meeting with the Hon. Florence Parly, Minister for the Armed Forces of France. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening

At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kono stated that it is an honor to have a defense ministerial meeting with France for the first time since assuming the position as Defense Minister, and also extended his appreciation for the attendance of former President Sarkozy to the Ceremonies of the Enthronement last month.

In response, Minister Parly stated that she would like to continue making efforts to develop Japan-France defense cooperation.

2. Japan-France Defense Cooperation and Exchanges

Both Ministers welcomed that Japan-France defense cooperation is advancing, and they confirmed to closely work together for the potential “2+2” meeting to be held in Tokyo. Both Ministers also shared views to promote concrete cooperation as partners to realize the vision of a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

3. Regional Issues

Both Ministers exchanged views on issues such as security situations in the Indo-Pacific region.

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