

**Defense Minister Kono's Meeting with the  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan (Summary)**

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Japan Ministry of Defense

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, commencing at 16:30 pm (local time) for approx. 30 minutes, Defense Minister Kono, who was visiting Bahrain to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Manama Dialogue, held a meeting with H.E.Mr. Ayman Al Safadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

**1. Opening**

At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kono stated his appreciation for the attendance of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hussein to the Ceremonies of the Enthronement last month.

In response, Minister Safadi stated that he would like to deepen bilateral cooperation in various fields and on every level.

**2. Japan-Jordan Defense Security Cooperation**

Minister Kono mentioned that Japan-Jordan defense exchanges are deepening in various fields such as high-level exchanges in recent years and the defense equipment ceremony that celebrated the lending of Japanese type 61 tanker. Both Ministers confirmed to promote cooperation in a broad range of areas.

**3. Regional Issues**

Both Ministers exchanged views on situations in the Middle East.

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