

Japan Malaysia Defense Ministerial Meeting (Summary)

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Japan Ministry of Defense

On December 14th, 2019, commencing at 14:40 pm (local time) for approx. 20 minutes, Defense Minister Kono, who was visiting Qatar to attend the 19th Doha Forum, held a meeting with Minister of Defence Mohamad Bin Sabu of Malaysia. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening

At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kono stated that bilateral defense cooperation is advancing, especially through port calls of vessels, and also mentioned that bilateral cooperation is further deepening based on the Memorandum on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges signed last year. In response, Minister Mohamad stated that he would like to further promote bilateral cooperation.

2. Japan-Malaysia Defense Cooperation and Exchanges

- (1) Minister Kono stated that he would like to further advance defense cooperation and exchanges with Malaysia, based on the “Vientiane Vision 2.0” that Japan announced in November this year. Minister Mohamad welcomed the updated Vientiane Vision.
- (2) Both Ministers confirmed to move forward defense equipment and technology cooperation, following the enforcement of the Agreement Concerning Defense Equipment and Technology Transfer in April last year.
- (3) Both Ministers confirmed to promote personnel exchanges in the education field.

3. Regional Issues

Both Ministers exchanged views on the situations in the South China Sea and shared recognitions of the importance of a peaceful and open South China Sea.

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