

## **Japan Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting (Summary)**

December 14th, 2019  
Japan Ministry of Defense

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, commencing at 11:05 am (local time) for approx. 20 minutes, Defense Minister Kono, who was visiting Qatar to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Doha Forum, held a meeting with H.E. Dr. Khaled Bin Mohamad Al-Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defense Affairs of Qatar. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

### **1. Opening**

At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kono stated that he is honored to visit Qatar and hold a meeting for the first time as Japanese Defense Minister, and also that he would like to promote defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and Qatar.

In response, Minister Attiyah commented that he would like to continue making efforts toward advancing Japan-Qatar defense cooperation and exchanges.

### **2. Japan-Qatar Defense Cooperation and Exchanges**

Both Ministers welcomed that Japan-Qatar defense cooperation and exchanges are moving forward, and confirmed to continue deepening defense cooperation and exchanges in areas such as education and training.

### **3. Regional Issues**

Both Ministers exchanged views on issues such as security situations in the Middle East.

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