

## **Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Summary)**

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Japan Ministry of Defense

On February 15, 2020, from 12:10 (local time) for approx. 20 minutes, Defense Minister Kono, who was visiting Germany to attend the 56th Munich Security Conference, 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 Remarks**

At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kono stated that he welcomes to reunite with Minister Parly since their last defense ministerial meeting on the sidelines of the Manama Dialogue last November.

In response, Minister Parly also extended her welcome to see Minister Kono again and that she would like to continue making efforts this year to develop Japan-France defense cooperation.

### **2. Japan-France Defense Cooperation**

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 the view to promote concrete cooperation as partners to realize the vision of a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

### **3. Regional Situation**

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

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