## Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting

On June 1, 2024, Defense Minister KIHARA, visiting Singapore to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> IISS Asia Pacific Security Conference (Shangri-La Dialogue), held a meeting with Minister of Defence of the Republic of Singapore, Dr. NG Eng Hen. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

- At the outset of the meeting, Minister Kihara expressed his appreciation for Singapore's efforts as the host nation of the Shangri-La Dialogue. Also, in addition to bilateral defense cooperation between Japan and Singapore, the Ministers discussed topics on enhancing defense cooperation between Japan and ASEAN, bearing in mind Singapore taking over the role of country coordinator for Japan from this summer to 2027.
- 2 The Ministers concurred in further strengthening defense cooperation and exchanges between both countries, while maintaining close communication between respective defense authorities.