

Japan-Ukraine Defense Ministers' Videoconference

On March 31, commencing at 7:00 pm (JST), for approximately 20 minutes, Defense Minister NAKATANI Gen held a videoconference with H.E. Mr. Rustem UMEROV, Minister of Defense of Ukraine.

1. Minister Nakatani expressed his pleasure at the opportunity to hold talks with Minister Umerov for the first time in approximately 5 months since the Japanese-Ukraine Ministerial Meeting in October of last year. He also conveyed that the first shipment of additional SDF vehicles, announced last October, will be delivered to Ukraine soon.
2. Minister Nakatani also informed that SDF Central Hospital accepted one additional Ukrainian wounded soldier in January of this year, and that the National Defense Medical College also recently accepted two more. Minister Umerov expressed again deep gratitude for the continuous support of the Ministry of Defense/SDF of Japan.
3. Furthermore, Minister Nakatani stated that there is no wavering in Japan's commitment to continue to support Ukraine, and that the Ministry of Defense/SDF will continue to cooperate closely with the international community including G7 to restore peace to the beautiful land of Ukraine.