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Ministry of Defense Japan

Japan-ROK Defense Ministerial Meeting

On May 30, 2026, Minister of Defense Koizumi, visiting Singapore to attend the 23rd IISS Asian Security Summit (Shangri-La Dialogue), held a meeting with Mr. Ahn Gyu-back, Minister of National Defense of Republic of Korea.

1. Two ministers exchanged opinions on regional affairs.
2. Two ministers welcomed that the active cooperation between defense authorities are conducted after the ministerial meeting this January, which concurred on activating the defense cooperation and exchange. They agreed on sustaining this momentum.
3. According to this, two ministers concurred on making progress in the coordination to realize Minister Koizumi's early visit to ROK.
4. Moreover, two ministers concurred on conducting the Japan-ROK humanitarian search and rescue exercise this June, for the first time in approximately 9 years.
5. Furthermore, two ministers again confirmed the will to continue promoting defense cooperation between Japan-ROK and Japan-U.S.-ROK.