May 31, 2025 Japan Ministry of Defense

Japan-Singapore Defense Ministerial Meeting

On May 31, 2025, Defense Minister Nakatani, visiting Singapore to attend the 22nd IISS Asia Pacific Security Conference (Shangri-La Dialogue,) held a meeting with Singapore's Minister for Defence, Chan Chun Sing. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. At the outset of the meeting, Minister Nakatani congratulated Minister Chan's appointment as Minister for Defence and appreciated Singapore's efforts in hosting the Shangri-La Dialogue.

2. The two Ministers welcomed the recent advancements of unit-level exchanges, such as the goodwill training among the Naval components in August last year and Singapore's first participation in the New Year Jump in Indo Pacific (NYJIP) in January this year, and they concurred to further strengthen defense cooperation between the two countries.

3. The two Ministers discussed the strengthening of Japan-ASEAN defense cooperation, taking into account that Singapore serves as the coordinator country for Japan from 2024 to 2027.

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