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### Japan-Philippines Vice Ministerial Defense Dialogue

1. On December 7, the 8<sup>th</sup> Japan-Philippines Vice Ministerial Defense Dialogue was held in Manila, the Philippines.
2. The Japanese delegation was led by Mr. OKA Masami, Vice Minister of Defense for International Affairs, and the Philippine delegation was led by Mr. Franco Nemesio Mabini GACAL, Under Secretary for Civil, Veterans, and Reserve Affairs. They exchanged views on a variety of issues, including Japan-Philippines security cooperation and regional affairs, etc. They also discussed the way forward for Japan-Philippines defense cooperation and exchanges and other relevant topics.