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## Japan-Philippines Defense Ministerial Meeting

On November 22, 2024, Defense Minister Nakatani, visiting Laos to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Minister's Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), held a meeting with Philippine Secretary of National Defense, Gilberto Teodoro. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

- 1 At the outset of the meeting, Minister Nakatani welcomed progress in Japan-Philippine defense cooperation and exchanges including the transfer of air surveillance radar systems and signing of the Reciprocal Access Agreement, made under Secretary Teodoro's leadership.
- 2 The two Ministers confirmed to continue further strengthening bilateral cooperation, as well as cooperation under ADMM-Plus and multilateral cooperation of which Japan and the Philippines are part, to contribute together to uphold and reinforce the free and open international order based on the rule of law.