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Ministry of Defense

Fourth Joint Foreign Affairs and Security Consultation (Pol-Mil
Dialogue) between Japan and Israel

1. On March 18, 2025, the fourth politico-military dialogue (Pol-Mil Dialogue) was held between Japan and Israel in Tel Aviv.
2. On the Japanese side, the dialogue was attended by Mr. ANDO Toshihide, Director General of the Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. MORIKAWA Naoya, Director, Indo-Pacific Regional Policy Division, Bureau of Defense Policy in the Ministry of Defense, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense and the National Security Secretariat.

On the Israeli side, the dialogue was attended by Dr. Uri Resnick, Deputy Director of Foreign Policy Division, NSC, Mr. Hagai Shagrir, Head of Asia Pacific Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ilan Mazushan, Principal Deputy Director of the Political Military Bureau, Ministry of Defense.
3. At the outset of the meeting, on the situation in Gaza, the Japanese side has expressed deep concern over the large number of casualties, including civilians, as a result of Israel's military operations conducted throughout the Gaza Strip, and strongly stressed the importance of implementing steadily and in good faith the agreement among the parties concerned reached in January regarding the release of the hostages and the ceasefire, as well as the necessity of improving the humanitarian situation. The both sides also exchanged views on a wide range of issues, including the prospect for Gaza reconstruction and the situation in the Middle East as well as in the Indo-Pacific.