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The 1st Japan-EU Security and Defence Dialogue

On June 11, the 1st Japan-EU Security and Defence Dialogue was held in Brussels, Belgium.

1. This dialogue was newly launched by Japan and the EU in the Japan-EU Security and Defence Partnership announced in November 2024, in order to further develop and strengthen cooperation in all areas related to security and defense, as they face an increasingly severe security environment.
2. Both Japan and the EU held discussions to materialize security and defense cooperation in fields such as cyber, disinformation, space, maritime security, Women, Peace and Security (WPS), disarmament, and non-proliferation. Furthermore, the EU side explained about measures to strengthen European defense capabilities.
3. At this dialogue, the Japanese side was represented by Mr. Shuji Yuge, Director-General for International Affairs, Ministry of Defense, and Mr. Seiichiro Taguchi, Deputy Director-General and Ambassador, European Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The EU side was represented by Dr. Benedikta Von Seherr-Thoss, Managing Director for Directorate for Peace, Security and Defence, European External Action Service.