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Ministry of Defense Japan

Meeting between State Minister Honda and Mr. FLÅM, State Secretary to Minister of Defence of
the Kingdom of Norway

On August 21, 2025, commencing at 10:50 for approximately 45 minutes, State Minister Honda held a meeting with State Secretary to Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Norway, Mr. FLÅM.

1. At the outset, State Minister Honda welcomed State Secretary Flåm's first visit to Japan. State Secretary Flåm conveyed his appreciation to State Minister Honda for hosting the visit.
2. State Minister Honda welcomed the deployment of Norwegian Navy frigate "HNoMS Roald Amundsen" to the Indo-Pacific region as a part of the UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG) and making port calls to Japan for the first time. He also delivered appreciation for the active high-level exchanges that have been taking place since the Japan-Norway Defense Ministerial Meeting was held last year for the first time in approximately 40 years.
3. The meeting included a discussion on bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges. They shared the view to further promote defense cooperation and exchanges in various areas including the high-level exchanges, unit-to-unit engagement, defense equipment and technology cooperation, space-related cooperation, and cooperation through NATO.
4. They concurred to continue to work closely together towards further deepening Japan-Norway relationship.