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Ministry of Defense Japan

### Japan-New Zealand Defence Dialogue

1. On November 27, the 16<sup>th</sup> Japan-New Zealand Defence Dialogue was held in Auckland, New Zealand.
2. The Japanese delegation was led by Ms. HAYASHI, Director General for International Affairs, Bureau of Defense Policy, Ministry of Defense, and the New Zealand delegation was led by Mr. Schmidt, Deputy Secretary, Defence Policy and Planning, New Zealand Ministry of Defence.
3. The delegations exchanged views on a variety of topics, including regional affairs and defense policy of both nations, and discussed respective engagement in the Pacific Islands Region.