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Ministry of Defense Japan

Visit to the Ministry of Defense and visit to Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Kamakura Works by the
NAC Permanent Representatives

1. On April 17, 2026, commencing at 16:50 for approximately 45 minutes, the Permanent Representatives (Ambassadors) from the North Atlantic Council (NAC) visiting Japan, paid a visit to the Ministry of Defense.
2. At the beginning of the meeting, Minister of Defense KOIZUMI welcomed the ambassadors and emphasized that, as security in the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific regions becomes ever more inseparable, strengthening cooperation between Japan and NATO, NATO and IP4 (its Indo-Pacific partners; Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and the Republic of Korea), as well as between Japan and individual NATO member states, is more important than ever. Minister KOIZUMI expressed Japan's commitment to advancing collaboration at all levels, both bilaterally and multilaterally.
3. In light of the increasingly severe security environment and the growing interconnection between security in the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific regions, Vice Minister for International Affairs KANO provided a briefing on Japan's security environment and security and defense policies. This was followed by an exchange of views on these topics.
4. Moreover, on April 16th, the NAC delegation visited Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Kamakura Works and received an overview briefing from the company. It contributed to enhancing NATO's understanding of Japan's defense industry, further strengthening defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and NATO.
5. The Ministry of Defense and the Self-Defense Forces will continue to work closely with NATO, based on the shared recognition that security in the Euro-Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific regions is inseparable.

Note: The North Atlantic Council (NAC) is NATO's principal political decision-making body, consisting of Permanent Representatives (Ambassadors) from each member country who meet weekly at NATO Headquarters in Brussels.