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Ministry of Defense

Japan- Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting

On 5 May 2026, Defense Minister Koizumi held a meeting with Minister of Defense of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. General (Hon.) Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, visiting Japan.

1. Minister Koizumi expressed his renewed appreciation for Indonesia's hospitality during his visit to Indonesia in May, and stated his intention to further strengthen bilateral defense cooperation under the Defence Cooperation Arrangement (DCA) signed on the occasion of the visit and Minister Sjafrie expressed his concurrence.
2. The two Ministers welcomed the progress of discussions within the working group, which they decided to establish at the defense ministerial meeting in May under the revised defense equipment and technology transfer system. Taking into account these discussions, Minister Sjafrie expressed his intention to materialize defense equipment and technology cooperation, including the transfer of Asagiri-class destroyers and other equipment, and the two Ministers reached a consensus to start discussions within the working group, including those on education and training, maintenance and sustainment, and operational aspects.
3. The two Ministers also held wide-ranging discussions on regional situations, including developments in the Middle East, and concurred on further strengthening cooperation between the two countries.