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Ministry of Defense Japan

The Japan- Türkiye Defense Ministerial Meeting

On July 7, Minister Koizumi, who is visiting Türkiye to attend events related to the NATO Ankara Summit, held a Defense Ministerial Meeting with Türkiye's Minister of National Defence, H.E. Mr. Yaşar GÜLER.

1. At the outset, Minister Koizumi expressed his appreciation for Türkiye's efforts as the host of the NATO Summit and his respect for the important role Türkiye plays as a leading regional power.
2. The two Ministers welcomed the steady progress in defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and Türkiye in a broad range of fields, including high-level reciprocal visits, service-to-service exchanges, and defense equipment and technology cooperation. They reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening cooperation and coordination between their respective defense authorities.
3. The two Ministers also concurred on pursuing the development of a Memorandum on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges, based on the Statement of Intent on Defense Cooperation and Exchanges signed in 2012, in order to further advance bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges.