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Ministry of Defense Japan

The Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting

On July 22, Minister Koizumi, who is visiting Paris, held a Defense Ministerial Meeting with H.E. Catherine Vautrin, Minister for the Armed Forces and Veterans of the French Republic.

1. The two Ministers welcomed the steady advancement of Japan–France defense cooperation, including military-to-military exchanges and cooperation in the space domain. They reaffirmed their intention to continue close coordination under the Japan–France Defense Roadmap and pursue more concrete cooperation in order to strengthen deterrence in the region.
2. Furthermore, the two Ministers reaffirmed that security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, and confirmed that they would continue to work closely together for the peace and stability of the region.