## Japan-Qatar Defense Ministerial Meeting

On June 1, 2024, H.E. Kihara Minoru, Minister of Defense, Japan and H.E. Dr. Khalid Bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defense Affairs of Qatar, met during the 21st International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

- Both ministers confirmed that they will further promote bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges in light of upgraded relationship of the two countries to "Strategic Partnership," which was agreed at the bilateral summit meeting in July of last year.
- 2 Both ministers affirmed that they will strengthen bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges by enhancing communications between defense authorities through such means as the Military to Military Dialogue, which was newly established last November.
- 3 Both ministers also exchanged views on regional situations, where Minister Kihara expressed his expectations for the role of Qatar in the stabilization of the Middle East.