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Ministry of Defense Japan

Japan-Netherlands Defense Ministerial Meeting

On June 2, 2024, Minister of Defense Kihara, visiting Singapore to attend the 21th IISS Asian Security Summit (Shangri-La Dialogue), held a meeting with Dutch Minister of Defense Kaja Ollongren.

1 At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kihara stated that he was pleased to have a meeting with Minister Ollongren for the first time. Minister Kihara welcomed that the Netherlands has enhanced its engagement with the Indo-Pacific region in a tangible manner in recent years, including the deployment of its frigate in 2021. He also expressed his expectation for further promoting defense cooperation and exchanges between both countries, and Minister Ollongren shared the same view .

2 Both sides concurred to promote cooperation and understanding between Japan and the Netherlands in areas such as multilateral defense cooperation and cyberspace.