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Ministry of Defense Japan

Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting

On March 6 2026, commencing at 17:50 for approximately 35 minutes, Minister of Defense Koizumi held a meeting with the Hon. David J. McGuinty, Minister of National Defence of Canada.

1. At the outset, having reaffirmed that the security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, Minister Koizumi noted that the two countries share common regional and security interests, including Indo-Pacific and the Arctic Circle, and emphasized the importance of having opportunities for active dialogue and exchanges.
2. The two ministers exchanged views on regional situation, including the current situation surrounding Iran, as well as the Indo-Pacific region.
3. Minister McGuinty introduced Canada's Defense Industrial Strategy, which was announced for the first time in Canada last month, referring to the signing of the Agreement between Japan and Canada concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology in January this year. The two ministers concurred on accelerating coordination to promote cooperation between their defense industries.