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Ministry of Defense Japan

Japan-Ukraine Defense Ministers' Videoconference

On Nov 5, Minister Koizumi held a videoconference with Minister of Defence of Ukraine, H.E. Mr. Khmara.

1. Minister Koizumi stated that he was honored to have the opportunity to meet with Minister Khmara for the first time since his appointment as Minister of Defence, and noted that Japan has consistently supported Ukraine and implemented sanctions against Russia.

2. Minister Koizumi also conveyed that the Ministry of Defense and the Japan Self-Defense Forces have provided various forms of support to Ukraine as it continues to face difficult circumstances, including the provision of JSDF vehicles and the acceptance of wounded Ukrainian service members. In response, Minister Khmara expressed his profound gratitude for the Ministry of Defense and the JSDF's continued support.

3. Furthermore, Minister Koizumi conveyed that Japan would never waver in its consistent position of standing with Ukraine. He also stated that the Ministry of Defense and the JSDF will continue to work closely with the international community to achieve a just and lasting peace in Ukraine. The two Ministers also exchanged views on cooperation between Russia and North Korea.