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Ministry of Defense Japan

The Japan-Italy Defense Ministers Meeting

On July 23, commencing at 8:55 (local time) for approximately 1 hour, Minister KIHARA held a Defense Ministerial Meeting at London with The Hon. Guido Crosetto, Minister of Defence, Italian Republic.

1. At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kihara paid tribute to the Italian leadership as the Presidency of the G7 in the current severe international situation.
2. The Ministers were pleased that “the Japan-Italy Action Plan” and commencement of formal negotiations on “the Agreement on the Japan-Italy Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)” were announced at the Japan-Italy Prime Minister’s informal Talks in June, as a proof of further strengthening for our bilateral relations in addition to the joint development of the next-generation fighter.
3. Minister Crosetto explained about the port calls of the Italian vessels and the aircraft visits to Japan from Italy. Minister Kihara thanked that Italy has attached importance to the Indo-Pacific region and cooperations with Japan.
4. The Ministers concurred to continue to work closely together towards further deepening Japan-Italy defense cooperation and exchanges.