

Japan-U.S. Defense Ministerial Telephone Conference (summary)

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Ministry of Defense

On July 30, 2021, Defense Minister Kishi and Defense Secretary Austin held a telephone conference. The summary is as follows.

At the beginning of the call, Secretary Austin expressed his congratulations on the hosting of the Tokyo Olympic Games, and Minister Kishi wished the success of the U.S. team.

In order to address the increasingly challenging security environment, the Ministers agreed to further strengthen the Alliance capabilities to deter and respond by combining various measures under the close cooperation between the two countries including during the peacetime.

Secretary Austin explained about his visit to Southeast Asia. The Ministers confirmed the importance of cooperation with international community to maintain and strengthen a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, and agreed that the two countries will strengthen cooperation with various partners in the region and beyond with the Japan-U.S. Alliance being the cornerstone.