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Japan Ministry of Defense

Japan-Indonesia Defense Ministerial Meeting

On November 17, 2025, Defense Minister Koizumi held a meeting with Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. GEN (Hon). Ret. Dr. Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, visiting Japan. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. At the outset, Minister Koizumi emphasized the need to elevate defense cooperation between the two countries to an unprecedented level promptly, to which Minister Sjafrie concurred. Building on this, the two sides held concrete discussions on the security environment surrounding both countries and the future direction of defense cooperation and coordination, including various possibilities for the future.
2. The two Ministers affirmed to promptly launch, under their ministerial-level dialogue, a “Defense Strategy Dialogue” at the vice-ministerial level on policy matters, including equipment and technology cooperation, as well as a high-level dialogue between the Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff and the Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces. Under what is called the “Integrated Defense Dialogue Mechanism,” they also concurred that the two countries will work in a timely manner to translate bilateral cooperation into concrete actions.
3. The two Ministers confirmed that unit-to-unit exchanges, including joint exercises, are actively taking place and concurred to hold discussions including on the protection of military information between their defense authorities to enable further operational collaboration.
4. In addition to bilateral cooperation, the two Ministers confirmed to continue the discussions on strengthening coordination at the ministerial level in multilateral settings centered on Japan and Indonesia.

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