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Japan Ministry of Defense

Japan-France Defense Ministerial Meeting (Summary)

On 31 May 2025, Defense Minister Nakatani held a meeting with Minister Lecornu of the French Ministry of Armed Forces at the 22nd IISS Asia Security Summit. The summary is as follows.

1. Minister Nakatani expressed his pleasure to reunite with Mr. Lecornu and affirmed the importance of the alignment with France, who is the only EU-member nation with permanent military presence in the Indo-Pacific region.
2. Both Ministers welcomed the advanced bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges conducted by each military service.
3. Furthermore, they exchanged views on regional security including East Asia and Ukraine as well as the future Japan-France defense cooperation and exchanges.
4. They concurred to further enhance the bilateral collaboration including those in defense equipment and technology areas and multilateral frameworks.