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Japan Ministry of Defense

Japan-Thailand Defense Ministerial Meeting

On June 1, 2025, Defense Minister Nakatani, visiting Singapore to attend the 22nd IISS Asia Pacific Security Conference (Shangri-La Dialogue,) held a meeting with Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Phumtham Wechayachai. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

- 1 . At the outset of the meeting, Minister Nakatani welcomed his opportunity to have a Defense Ministerial Meeting with Thailand's Minister of Defence on a face-to-face basis for the first time in 6 years.
2. The two Ministers discussed bilateral defense cooperation in broad terms, and particularly welcomed the advancement of unit-level exchanges such as JSDF's participation every year in the multilateral exercise "Cobra Gold" held in Thailand. Minister Nakatani also stated his appreciation for Thailand hosting JSDF vessels and aircraft.
3. The two also Ministers discussed the strengthening of Japan-ASEAN defense cooperation.

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