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Ministry of Defense Japan

Japan-Netherlands Defense Ministerial Meeting

On October 17 2024, for about 25 minutes from 14:30 (local time), Minister of Defense Nakatani held a meeting with Dutch Minister of Defence Ruben Brekelmans in Brussels.

1. At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Nakatani stated that he was delighted to have a meeting with Minister Brekelmans for the first time after his appointment as the Minister. He also stated that next year marks the 425th anniversary of Japan-Netherlands relationship and would like to further develop bilateral relationship.
2. Minister Nakatani welcomed that the Netherlands has enhanced its engagement with the Indo-Pacific region in a tangible manner in recent years. Minister Nakatani stated that the security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable and would like to further strengthen Europe's engagement to the Indo-Pacific region.
3. In addition, the two Ministers touched upon regional affairs and concurred to further strengthen cooperation against attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion.
4. Both sides concurred to further enhance Japan-Netherlands defense cooperation and exchanges.