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Ministry of Defense Japan

### Japan-Canada Defense Ministerial Meeting

On June 2, 2024, Minister of Defense Kihara, visiting Singapore to attend the 21th IISS Asian Security Summit (Shangri-La Dialogue), held a meeting with Minister of National Defence of Canada, the Hon Bill Blair.

1 At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kihara welcomed that the bilateral cooperation had steadily been deepening like Japan-Canada joint exercise and cooperation on monitoring and surveillance activities against illicit maritime activities including ship-to-ship transfers.

2. The two ministers also exchanged views on Japan-Canada defense cooperation and exchanges, including future joint exercises and cooperation through NATO.

3. The two ministers concurred on continuing to work closely to realize “FOIP” at all levels between Japan-Canada.