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Ministry of Defense Japan

The Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Meeting

On 21 July 2026, during his visit to the United Kingdom to participate in the Farnborough Airshow, Minister of Defense Koizumi held a meeting with Italian Minister of Defence Guido Crosetto.

1. The two Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to closely working together toward the success of GCAP and looked forward to the Japan–Italy–UK Trilateral Ministers’ Meeting later that day.
2. Furthermore, the two Ministers reaffirmed their shared recognition that security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific is inseparable, and confirmed their commitment to continue close cooperation to further advance Japan–Italy defense cooperation including GCAP, service-to-service exchanges, and defense equipment and technology cooperation.