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Japan Ministry of Defense

Japan-Philippines 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 Philippine Secretary of National Defense, Gilberto Teodoro. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. At the outset of the meeting, Minister Nakatani stated his delight at being able to have a meeting with Secretary Teodoro in little time since he visited the Philippines in February, and Secretary Teodoro welcomed that frequent dialogues on the ministerial level are happening between the two countries.
2. The two Ministers—based on the Summit Meeting in April—concurred to continue deepening Japan-Philippines defense cooperation in a concrete manner by also using the “high-level framework for strategic operational cooperation” that they agreed to establish in February.
3. The two Ministers also discussed the promotion of defense equipment and technology cooperation.
4. The two Ministers affirmed their commitment to continue close communication between the defense authorities and to further strengthen defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and the Philippines.

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