

Japan-Australia Defence Ministers' Meeting

1. Minister for Defense of Japan, Mr. Toshimi Kitazawa and his Australian counterpart, Mr. Stephen Smith visiting Vietnam to attend the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus) held a bilateral meeting on the 11th of October in Hanoi to discuss defence cooperation, the regional situation and other relevant matters.
2. Minister Kitazawa explained that the Government of Japan would seek the Diet to approve the Japan-Australia acquisition and cross-servicing agreement (ACSA) signed in May this year and to pass related domestic laws during the current extraordinary Diet session that would run through to the 3rd of December.
3. The two defence ministers agreed that it was important for the defence networks of both nations to implement their agreements so far. For example, they pledged to actively implement the ACSA after its entering into force in operational cooperation such as joint exercises and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief.