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PHL, Japan Defense Chiefs reaffirm Commitment

In a telephone call at around 4:00 PM on Monday, May 2, 2016, Japan's Defense Minister Gen Nakatani, expressed appreciation to Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin for understanding the cancellation of his planned visit to the Philippines in April. The trip was postponed following the strong earthquakes that hit Kyushu.

The defense chiefs agreed that bilateral cooperation is indispensable and discussed how to enhance relations by strengthening communications, deepening exchanges and educational opportunities.

Minister Nakatani reaffirmed the transfer of the Maritime Self-Defense Force TC 90 Aircraft which will be useful for HADR and maritime security. Further to this, will be the training that will be provided for the end-users.

Both leaders are looking forward to meeting each other in a rescheduling of the visit.

Both parties reiterated their commitment to work together, with Minister Nakatani expressing that the two countries' bilateral relationship is crucial for peace, stability and prosperity, not only of the two countries, but of the region as well.

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