
JAPAN, VIETNAM SIGN DEFENCE TRANSFER DEAL AMID CHINA WORRIES

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Japan and Vietnam have agreed to step up cooperation amid worries about Chinas growing military influence, signing a new deal that enables the export of Japanese-made defence equipment and technology to Hanoi.

Japans Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi said the deal, signed on Saturday, elevates the two countries defence partnership to a new level and that Japan and Vietnam plan to deepen defence ties through multinational joint exercises and other means.

Details about the transfer of specific equipment, including naval vessels, will be worked out in subsequent talks, the Japanese Defence Ministry said in a statement.

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