
SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN REAFFIRM DENUCLEARISATION GOAL, CLOSER DEFENCE TIES

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South Korea and Japan on Sunday [] their commitment to the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula and agreed to revive [] search-and-rescue drills in a step forward for security ties between the neighbouring countries.

Meeting in Seoul, South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back and his Japanese counterpart Shinjiro Koizumi agreed to work on regional stability bilaterally, as well as through their partnerships with Washington, in the sixth round of talks between the two countries.

"Both ministers shared the view [] continue cooperation for maintaining regional peace and stability amid a grave security environment," South Korea's defence ministry said in a statement.

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