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**VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL BETWEEN YB DATO' SRI ISMAIL SABRI BIN YAAKOB,
SENIOR MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA AND H.E. NOBUO KISHI,
MINISTER OF DEFENCE JAPAN**

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YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, Minister of Defence Malaysia held a video conference call with his Japanese counterpart, H.E. Nobuo Kishi on 15 April 2021.

Although challenged by the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, both Ministers reaffirmed their commitments to further enhance the defence relation between Malaysia and Japan. The Ministers agreed to maintain close interactions at all levels and encouraged the resumption of active engagements, including the bilateral meeting between both ministries, training exchanges between the armed forces and cooperation in the field of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR). During the call, they also explored potential area of collaboration in the defence industry.

The two Ministers also touched on the regional security issues of mutual interest and common concern, including the South China Sea as well as the situation in Myanmar and the Korean Peninsula.

Malaysia and Japan signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation and Exchanges in September 2018. Both sides also inked the Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Japan Concerning the Transfer of Defence Equipment and Technology in the same year. Based on this foundation, Malaysia will continue to promote defence cooperation and exchanges with Japan.

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**“PRIHATIN RAKYAT : DARURAT MEMERANGI COVID-19”
“BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA”
“PERTAHANAN NEGARA TANGGUNGJAWAB BERSAMA”**