

【Maritime Safety and Security Sector】

1. Meeting with YB Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution bin Ismail, Malaysian Minister of Home Affairs, and Memorandum of Cooperation Exchange Ceremony

On August 13, in Putrajaya, Minister Kaneko and YB Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution bin Ismail, Minister of Home Affairs, discussed measures to further develop bilateral cooperation in maritime safety and security. They also attended the exchange ceremony for the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) in the maritime safety and security sector.

The MoC was signed after many years of discussion between Japan and Malaysia, a coastal state along the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, which are critically important sea lanes for Japan. This memorandum holds significant importance and contributes to the realization of FOIP.

During the meeting, the ministers agreed that “Fuji,” the patrol vessel dedicated to international operations and scheduled to enter service this year, will make Malaysia its first port of call next year. They also agreed to hold the inaugural annual meeting under the MoC during this visit. Both coincide with the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Malaysia.



(Left: YB Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution bin Ismail, Minister of Home Affairs, Right: Minister Kaneko)



(MoC Exchange Ceremony)



(Center left: Datuk Haji Mohd Rosli, Director General of Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, Center right: Minister Kaneko)

2. Visit to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)

On August 12, Minister Kaneko visited the PCG and confirmed continued cooperation between the maritime law-enforcement agencies of the two countries. He also visited the PCG patrol vessel provided by Japan and observed arresting techniques training conducted for the PCG by the Japan Coast Guard Mobile Cooperation Team, a unit dedicated to capacity-building support, on board.



(Visit to the PCG)



(Center left: PCG Commandant Gavan
Center right: Minister Kaneko)

【Transport and Tourism】

3. Meeting with Hon. Dita Angara-Mathay, Philippine Secretary of Tourism

On August 12, in Manila, Minister Kaneko and Hon. Dita Angara-Mathay, Philippine Secretary of Tourism discussed strengthening cooperation in the tourism sector. They agreed to hold the first Joint Working Group on Tourism in Nagasaki, Japan, in December 2026, the year marking the 70th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Philippines.



(Bilateral Meeting)



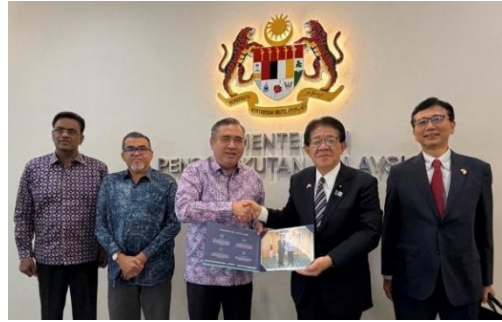
(Left: Secretary Angara-Mathay
Right: Minister Kaneko)

4. Meeting with YB Anthony Loke Siew Fook, Malaysian Minister of Transport

On August 13 in Putrajaya, Minister Kaneko and YB Anthony Loke Siew Fook, Malaysian Minister of Transport, discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in the infrastructure and transport sector. They agreed to work together to ensure navigational safety in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore in support of the vision of the updated FOIP.



(Bilateral Meeting)



(Center left: YB Anthony Loke Siew Fook
Minister of Transport,
Center right: Minister Kaneko)