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SOUTH KOREAN AND JAPANESE DEFENSE CHIEFS TO MEET IN SEOUL FOR EXPANDED SECURITY COOPERATION

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South Korea and Japan's defense ministers will meet in Seoul on Sunday to discuss expanding bilateral defense cooperation, reflecting improving ties between the two countries despite lingering historical and political sensitivities, local media reported Friday.

South Korean Defense Minister Ahn Gyu-back will hold one-on-one talks with Japanese Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi less than a month after they met on the sidelines of a regional defense forum in Singapore, said Yonhap News Agency, citing a South Korean Defense Ministry statement.

According to the ministry, Koizumi's two-day visit beginning Saturday is a reciprocal trip following Ahn's January visit to Yokosuka.

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