The CASI 2018 Conference

On May 18th, 2018, Major General Hiroaki Uchikura, Director General of Defense Planning and Policy Department (A5/6/8), Air Staff Office, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air-Self Defense Force) was invited as a keynote speaker at the 2018 China Aerospace Studies Institute (CASI)* Conference, and Colonel Masataka Oguro, a researcher of the Center for Air Power Strategic Studies, Air Staff College, participated in the conference as a panelist.

Maj Gen Uchikura delivered a keynote address on Chinese air activities surrounding Japan as well as the Koku-Jieitai’s efforts. Col Oguro participated in the panel discussion on “Increased PRC Air Activity: Impact on U.S. Interests, Allies, and Partners” and spoke about the impacts on Japan by the current situation as well as the challenges the Koku-Jieitai is facing.

We will continue to introduce our activities both domestically and abroad at every available opportunity.

*CASI was established in February 2018 with the mission to advance understanding of China’s aerospace forces. The CASI’s first conference gathered the broad audience of about 120 participants, and experts presented and discussed China’s aerospace activities at the conference.