Japan-Australia Bilateral Training

Japan Air Self-Defense Force (Koku-Jieitai) and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) will conduct bilateral training “BUSHIDO GUARDIAN 19”.

1. Purpose
   Improving units’ tactical skills, promoting mutual understanding, and deepening defense cooperation between Koku-Jieitai and RAAF through the joint training.

2. Period
   a. General
      September 11th to October 8th, 2019
   b. RAAF’s arrival and departure
      September 11th: Advon’s arrival
      September 12th: C-17’s arrival
      September 20th: F/A-18A/B’s arrival
      September 24th to October 4th, 2019 (nine days): Fighter Training
      October 5th: F/A-18A/B’s departure

3. Location
   Chitose Air Base, Misawa Air Base and their peripheral airspace (RAAF’s aircraft will use a tarmac area of Chitose Air Base)

4. Participants
   a. Unit
      (a) Koku-Jieitai : Northern Air Defense Force, Air Defense Command
      (b) RAAF : Training units mainly comprised of the 77th Squadron, the 81st Wing
   b. Aircraft and personnel
      (a) Koku-Jieitai : ten F-15s and three F-2s
      (b) RAAF : seven F/A-18As, one KC-30A, one C-17, one C-130J and approx. 150 personnel

5. Contents
   Intercept training, air defense training and tactical attack training.

6. Remarks
   This is the first bilateral training in Japan by Koku-Jieitai and RAAF to realize the joint statement of the Japan-Australia 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Consultations in October 2018.