

## Visit of Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai to NATO Headquarters

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On July 11, General Izutsu, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) visited NATO Headquarters and met with Admiral Bauer, Chair of the Military Committee of NATO and, for the first time as Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai, attended the Committee and briefed about regional situations.

During the meeting between Gen Izutsu and ADM Bauer, Gen Izutsu welcomed the high level of interest shown by countries of Europe in peace and stability of Indo-Pacific region. They also exchanged opinions on global security situation which is becoming increasingly severe, including attempts to change the status quo by coercion, and agreed on the importance of strengthened collaboration between Japan and NATO towards the Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

Also, Gen Izutsu attended the Military Committee and briefed about the security environment in Indo-Pacific, and said that challenges to rule-based international order was a common issue for the international community. Koku-Jieitai will continue to collaborate with NATO.



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