

Chief of Staff's Visit to Commonwealth of Australia

From November 9 to 13, General MORITA Takehiro, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) visited Australia on the invitation of Air Marshal Stephen Chappell, DSC, CSC, OAM, Chief of the Royal Australian Air Force.

During the visit to Australia, General Morita engaged in discussions and exchanged views with Air Marshal Chappell and senior officials of the Royal Australian Air Force. They shared the recognition that interoperability and mutual trust between the two air services have been strengthened through cooperation in various fields, including Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training “Bushido Guardian 25,” conducted at Misawa Air Base from September to October this year, as well as other unit-level exchanges and initiatives related to unmanned aerial systems. They reaffirmed their commitment to further advancing defense cooperation and exchanges.

General Morita also visited RAAF Base Amberley, where he observed aircraft operated by the Royal Australian Air Force as well as the MQ-28A collaborative combat aircraft currently under development by Australia, and deepened his understanding of the air force and its equipment.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to contribute to the realization of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, as well as strengthen the partnership with the Royal Australian Air Force.

