

Japan-France Junior Officer Exchange

From December 15 to 19, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) invited airborne weapons control officers of E-3F Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) from the French Air and Space Force (FASF) to Hamamatsu Air Base, Misawa Air Base, and Omaezaki Sub Base for a junior officer exchange. The exchange program has been conducted since 2004, and this time marks the 13th iteration.

During the exchange, FASF officers met with Koku-Jieitai senior officers at each base and, for the first time for foreign military personnel other than U.S. Forces, experienced familiarization flights aboard a Koku-Jieitai E-767 AWACS aircraft that had been upgraded to enhance warning and surveillance capabilities. They also visited aircraft control and warning units at each base and held discussions with Koku-Jieitai weapons control officers and other personnel to share knowledge on weapons control in both air services and to enhance mutual understanding.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to promote defense cooperation and exchanges with FASF, based on the recognition that the security of Euro-Atlantic and of the Indo-Pacific are inseparable and interconnected, thereby contributing to regional peace and stability.

