

Participation in multilateral space exercise SparteX 2026 hosted by French Air and Space Force

From February 8 to 20, the Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) participated in the multilateral space exercise “SparteX 2026,” hosted by the French Air and Space Force at Général Robert Aubinière Space Air Base in Toulouse, France. A total of 13 nations took part in the exercise.

This exercise had previously been conducted under the name “AsterX,” and was renamed to “SparteX” beginning with this iteration. On this occasion, the exercise was conducted in conjunction with the French Armed Forces exercise “ORION,” and focused on verifying and training close coordination with other operational domains, which is essential for multi-domain operations in a highly contested environment.

Through participation in this exercise, the Koku-Jieitai strengthened the skills of the participating unit, enhanced cooperative relationships in the space domain with other participants, and deepened mutual understandings.

The Koku-Jieitai will continue to contribute to the secure and stable use of space, which is indispensable to Japan’s national security.

