

Participation in the Joint Strike Missile Acceptance Ceremony

On March 6, Major General FUJINAGA Kunihiro, Director General, Logistics Department, Air Staff Office, visited the Kingdom of Norway and attended the Joint Strike Missile (JSM) acceptance ceremony held in Oslo. The JSM is a Norwegian-made stand-off missile to be integrated onto the F-35A fighter aircraft, and its acceptance, made possible through the efforts of both countries, represents one of the tangible outcomes of defense exchanges between Japan and Norway.

To transport the JSMs, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) KC-767 tanker and transport aircraft was deployed to Norway for the first time. During this deployment, unit-level exchange was conducted with the air transport unit of Royal Norwegian Air Force, through which personnel from both countries sought to deepen mutual understanding.

This deployment and exchange symbolize the rapid deepening of defense cooperation and exchanges between Japan and Norway, following the visit to Japan in 2025 by the Royal Norwegian Navy frigate Roald Amundsen and the first-ever joint training conducted with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.

Based on the recognition that the security of Euro-Atlantic and of the Indo-Pacific are inseparable, Koku-Jieitai will continue to work closely with Norway to further strengthen bilateral relations. Koku-Jieitai will also continue to steadily develop defense capabilities and maintain the necessary posture to contribute to peace and stability in the region.

