

## Visit to Japan by Commander, the Royal Netherlands Air and Space Force

On March 26, Lieutenant General André Steur, Commander of the Royal Netherlands Air and Space Force, visited Ichigaya Air Base and held talks with General MORITA Takehiro, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai(JASDF). The two leaderships welcomed the ongoing trilateral Japan–Netherlands-U.S. joint exercise KAZAGURU-MA Guardian, currently being conducted at Misawa Air Base, and shared the expectation that the exercise would deepen mutual understanding among the three nations and enhance the tactical proficiency of their forces.

On the following day, March 27, they visited Misawa Air Base and together with Lieutenant General Joel Carey, Commander of the U.S. Fifth Air Force, conducted a joint press conference. The three commanders shared the recognition that security of Europe-Atlantic and of the Indo-Pacific are inseparable, and reaffirmed the importance of trilateral cooperation among like-minded partners, centered on the Japan–U.S. Alliance.

