

E-2D Makes First Visit to the Philippines

On July 2, 603rd Squadron, Airborne Warning and Control Wing flew E-2D AEW&C (airborne early warning and control) to the Philippines, en route to Australia for the Japan– United States –Australia trilateral exercise “Southern Cross 26”, marking the first visit of the Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) E-2D to the country.

During the visit, 603rd Squadron conducted a subject matter expert exchange with the Philippine Air Force and also paid a call on Colonel Villamor B Costales Jr, Chief of Command Staff, Air Defense Command to deepen bilateral defense exchanges.

Based on the long-standing and close friendship between Japan and the Philippines, the Koku-Jieitai will continue to promote cooperation with the Philippine Air Force and remains committed to realize a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

