

## Telephone Conference with Chief of Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force

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General MARUMO Yoshinari, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai, and Air Marshal Mel Hupfeld, Chief of Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, held a teleconference on May 11th, 2020 to discuss their views on current security environment including impacts of COVID-19 outbreak and assured each other that they would share their knowledge and lessons learned gained through their prevention and response measures against the pandemic. Through the talks, they reaffirmed to strengthen defense cooperation and exchanges in order to contribute the two nation's efforts to maintain the "free and open Indo-Pacific", based on the "Special Strategic Partnership" between the two nations.



Air Marshal Hupfeld



General MARUMO



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