

## “Greetings from Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai”

Thank you for browsing our website. During this cold winter in Japan, I hope you are staying warm, safe and healthy.

On the 7th of this month, Prime Minister Suga declared a state of emergency as COVID-19 cases in Japan have continued to surge again. The Koku-Jieitai, with a mission to protect the people’s lives and safety, will commit itself even more to the countermeasures against the virus.

While the current state of affairs remains severe, we are making every effort to continue training with ingenuity and maintain readiness to respond to crisis at any time. Besides, we stand fully prepared to fulfill our missions to include warning and surveillance, air sovereignty alert, and disaster relief operations.

We look up into the sky 24/7, and will carry out our mission to protect the peace and security of Japan. I hope you will continue extending the same understanding and support to the Koku-Jieitai this year ahead.

The Reliable Koku-Jieitai Is Just by Your Side

Looking Up at the Sky and Space 24/7

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