

## Centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force

On March 31, General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai, attended the Centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force.

General IZUTSU commemorated the hundredth anniversary of Royal Australian Air Force and said “It is our pride and pleasure that the cooperation between Koku-Jieitai and Australian Air Force has played an important role in the significant bilateral relationship. Also, we never forget the Australian assistance during the Great East Japan Earthquake. Over the next 100 years, I promise that Koku-Jieitai and Royal Australian Air Force will surely contribute to the regional and global security.”

Ambassador Adams said “Australia’s defense cooperation with Japan has continued despite the challenges of COVID-19 and on this day, we were able to remember our past achievements and look forward to our future endeavors. We thank all members of the Japan Self-Defense Forces who have worked with us over the years and we look forward to deepening our relationship over the next 100 years.”

Australia is our “Special Strategic Partner” in this region. Koku-Jieitai is going to strengthen ties with Australia and reinforce the Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

