

## Telephone Conference with the Commander of Pacific Air Forces , U.S. Air Force

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On April 8, General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) held a telephone conference with General Kenneth S. Wilsbach, Commander of Pacific Air Forces , U.S. Air Force.

The two leaders shared serious concerns over China's Coast Guard Law, which came into effect on February 1, and shared the view that, in the increasingly severe security environment, Japan and the United States would deepen bilateral defense cooperation between the two air forces, including bilateral training, in order to maintain and strengthen the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific", and build and strengthen a network of close partnerships with air forces of like-minded countries that share fundamental values with Japan and the United States.



Gen Wilsbach



Gen Izutsu



Bilateral training on April 1st