

## Chief of Staff's Official Trip to the United States

General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Forces ), visited the United States from April 19 to 25. He met with General Brown, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and General Raymond, Chief of Space Operations, Space Force, among others. He also visited space-related units of the United States Armed Forces. During these meetings, they exchanged their views on Japan-U.S. alliance and security issues in the Indo-Pacific region, and confirmed that they will deepen bilateral air-to-air as well as space-to-space cooperation in order to maintain and strengthen the Free and Open Indo-Pacific. In addition, they reaffirmed that they would build and strengthen the network of close partnership among the Air Force of like-minded countries which share the fundamental values.

