

“Greetings from Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai”

With the coming of May, the air feels sweeter and fresher. I hope all the readers of this website are staying safe and healthy.

While conducting our mission and necessary training, the Koku-Jieitai continues implementing the New Normal: avoid the Three Cs and the Five Situations that increase the risk of infection to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Amid this circumstance, we remain vigilant and prevent coronavirus fatigue or getting too comfortable with the pandemic. I have been telling service members that we should stay in a positive mindset by being grateful for precious duties to dedicate ourselves and a special role to play in society. I would appreciate it if you join us in carrying on prevention measures to fight against COVID-19 and support our effort.

From April 19th to 25th, I visited the U.S. and had talks with two of my schoolfellows at the USAF Air University: General Brown, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and General Raymond, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force. I also enjoyed discussion with General Dickinson, Commander, U.S. Space Command and the visit to space operation units.

This business trip to the U.S. included the first in-person talks with the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force since I assumed this position. We exchanged views on security issues and reaffirmed our determination to deepen air and space cooperation in order to maintain and strengthen the bilateral defense cooperation and Free and Open Indo-Pacific. We also reiterated our commitment to establish and enhance the close air partnership network among other like-minded countries that share the same basic values.

The Koku-Jieitai looks up in the sky 24/7 and carries out missions to protect the peace and security of Japan. Thank you very much for your continued understanding and support.

The Reliable Koku-Jieitai Is Just by Your Side

Looking Up at the Sky 24/7

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Gen Brown, Chief of Staff of the Air Force



Gen Raymond, Chief of Space Operations,
United States Space Force



Gen Dickinson, the Commander,
U.S. Space Command



Gen Thomas, Assistant Commandant
of the Marine Corps



Peterson Air Force Base Visit



Vandenberg Air Force Base Visit