

“Greetings from the Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force)”

We now enjoy the refreshing early summer season. I hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

While conducting our mission and necessary training, the Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) 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. Although coronavirus fatigue tries to take away our energy, we keep such a positive attitude as doing what we can rather than complaining or criticizing the situation without taking action. I would appreciate it if you could join us in carrying on prevention measures to fight against COVID-19 and support our effort.

In the midst of the corona crisis, we resumed our demonstration flight (the first flight of T-4 Blue Impulse in Toyama Prefecture) at the "70th Tonami Tulip Fair" held in Toyama Prefecture on April 22 this year, with the hope of "bringing smiles to as many people's faces as possible particularly in this challenging time. On May 23, at the 10th anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the "Wings of Reconstruction" Blue Impulse flew at the "Tohoku Kizuna Festival 2021" in Yamagata Prefecture with the wish to "Go Together". You can rest assured that we pay careful attention to the current status including the state of emergency while fulfilling our mission. I hope that everyone will take the opportunity to look up at the sky and smile.

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 (JASDF) this year ahead.

The Reliable Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) Is Just by Your Side  
Looking Up at the Sky and Space 24/7

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"70th Tonami Tulip Fair" in Toyama Prefecture



"Tohoku Kizuna Festival 2021" in Yamagata Prefecture