

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

It is getting hotter and hotter these days. I hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

On the 4th of June, I visited Komaki Air Base to tour 1st Tactical Airlift Wing, an air traffic control simulator at 5th Technical School, Medical Evacuation Unit of Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, KC-767 and the Rescue Squadron. Although the time was limited, I enjoyed this fruitful visit where I not only observed the main equipment but also had the opportunity to understand the feelings of members at the site through discussion with young officers and NCOs, and to recognize several members for their outstanding duty performance. Moreover we succeeded in our first online attempt at “Greeting by Key Officers” at Komaki Air Base, and “Status Briefing”, which usually requires long time. We finished them the day before my visit and conducted the tour effectively. We are trying to improve the procedures of the visit in order to thoroughly take COVID-19 prevention measures.

In addition, on the same day, I visited Mitubishi Heavy Industries Nagoya Aerospace Production Komaki Minami Factory (Regional depot), which carries out FACO (Final Assembly & Check Out) of F-35 fighter. Also, I visited Nagoya Guidance & Propulsion Systems Works, a PAC-3MSE producer. Their briefings convinced me of Japan’s high technologies related to new fighter jets and missile defense projects.

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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Honor Guard Ceremony in Komaki A/B



Discussion with NCOs in Komaki A/B



Tour of 5th Technical School



Tour of Medical Evacuation Unit



Tour of KC-767



Tour of Air Rescue Training



Tour of Komaki South Plant, Nagoya Aerospace Systems Works, Mitsubishi Heavy Industry



Tour of Nagoya Guidance & Propulsion Systems Works, MHI