

## Meeting with the Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

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On July 7, General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) met with Lieutenant General Steven R. Rudder, Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. The two senior officers shared their concerns over China's unilateral attempt to change the status quo by coercion. They also concurred in promoting cooperation between the Koku-Jieitai and U.S. Marine Corps including joint exercise, for strengthening the Japan-U.S. ability to deter and counter threats, as well as for contributing to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

