

## UK Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace visit to Air Defense Command, JASDF

On July 19, Rt Hon Ben Wallace, UK Secretary of State for Defense visited Air Defense Command at Yokota Air Base. He met with Gen Izutsu, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) and Lt Gen Uchikura, Air Defense Commander, with Air Chief Marshal Sir Wigston, Chief of Staff, Royal Air Force and the Admiral Sir Radakin, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, Royal Navy in co-attendance.

During the meeting, the Koku-Jieitai welcomed the deployment of UK Carrier Strike Group including the HMS Queen Elizabeth from the Atlantic to East Asia as a representation of values set out in the concept of Free and Open Indo-Pacific. In addition, they agreed to further develop Japan-UK security and defense cooperation, including between the air components.



Arriving at Yokota Air Base on JASDF CH-47



Meeting at HQ, Air Defense Command



UK Secretary of State for Defence attending briefing by Commander, ADC



2nd row from left: CAS RAF, 1SL/CNS RN, DG for Int'l Affairs  
Front row from left: Commander/ADC, UK Defense Secretary, UK Ambassador, COS/JASDF