

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

It has been hot these days although the calendar now says “Risshu (立秋)”, the first day of autumn. I hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

Tokyo Olympic Games have started on 23rd of July. We honorably received an opportunity of an exhibition flight by T-4 Blue Impulse over central Tokyo. It has been 57 years since F-86 Blue Impulse drew the five Olympic rings with its colored smoke in the sky symbolizing reconstruction from WW II on 10th of October, 1964 and also this year marks 10 years commemoration since Great East Japan Earthquake. In such a year, we would be satisfied if Blue Impulse’s flight could bring dreams, hopes, and smiles to as many people in the world as possible by sharing the feeling of excitement.

Also, we are going to present an exhibition flight again at the opening of Tokyo Paralympic games on 24th of August. We are working hard on preparation for the performance.

Tokyo is in the middle of hot summer after the rainy season was over. We would like you to be careful of heatstroke and to avoid any “Three Cs”. The Blue Impulse is not going to conduct an exhibition flight at any particular point but widely fly over the sky of central Tokyo. Please look up the sky to watch it at home, if you go outside, please wear a mask and keep social distance in a large space. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Moreover, we would like to extend our hearty gratitude and respect to all essential workers and medical staff who are still tackling with COVID-19.

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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Pre-exhibition-flight meeting



T4-BI engine start



Flying over Tokyo Metropolitan Government



... and over Tokyo Tower



... Tokyo Station



...and way above Tokyo Sky Tree



... and Delta formation flight



4th Air Wing 11th Squadron