

## Meeting with the Commander of United States Forces Japan and 5th Air Force

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General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) received a courtesy call from Lieutenant General Ricky N. RUPP who had newly assumed the command of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force on August 27.

General Izutsu congratulated Lieutenant General Rupp on his assignment and they reaffirmed the importance of the Japan-U.S. alliance and agreed to enhance the relationship of mutual trust. They also concurred in further promoting cooperation between the Koku-Jieitai and U.S. Forces Japan including joint exercise to strengthen the Japan-U.S. deterrence and response capability, and to contribute to the peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

