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Air Staff Office

Japan-Australia Bilateral Training and bilateral and trilateral(Japan-US-Australia)
unit-level exchanges

Japan Air Self-Defense Force (Koku-Jieitai) will conduct bilateral training with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), and bilateral and trilateral (Japan-US-Australia) unit-level exchanges from 28-30 March 2022. This event contributes to growing interoperability and familiarity between our forces, as the joint statement of the June 2021 Japan-Australia Foreign and Defense Ministers' meeting highlighted. It contributes to upholding and reinforcing "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."

1. Purpose

To improve interoperability and promote mutual understanding between the units, and to deepen defense cooperation between Japan and Australian air forces through bilateral training as well as unit-level exchanges between Koku-Jieitai, RAAF, and the U.S. Air Force (USAF).

2. Dates

March 28-30

3. Locations

- a. Bilateral and trilateral unit-level exchanges: Hyakuri Air Base
- b. Bilateral flight training: Air space over the Pacific Ocean, east of Kanto

4. Participating units

- a. Koku-Jieitai: Air Tactics Development Wing (Iruma), one RC-2
- b. RAAF Surveillance and Response Group: one P-8A
- c. USAF ※join only trilateral unit-level exchanges

5. Other

All activities will be conducted with required preventive measures against COVID-19.