

Meeting with the Commanding General of the III Marine Expeditionary Force

On May 17, General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) had a talk for the first time with Lieutenant General James Wilson Bierman Jr., Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force, who took office last November.

During the meeting, Gen Izutsu reaffirmed the importance of the Japan-US alliance and continued commitment to trust and collaboration to ensure Free and Open Indo-Pacific. They also agreed to enhance cooperation such as conducting bilateral training in the aim of strengthening the Japan-U.S. deterrence and response capability.

