

SEA, Koku-Jieitai and PACAF Command Chief had bilateral videoconference

On May 10, Warrant Officer Kai, Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA), Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) held a videoconference with Chief Master Sergeant David Wolfe, Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Command Chief. As the most senior personnel of Koku-Jieitai's NCOs who account for about 80% of entire Koku-Jieitai, the SEA, is responsible for organizing them and supporting Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai directly, and is the counterpart of Chief Master Sergeant of PACAF. During their talk, both sides shared the recognition on the importance of promoting Japan-U.S. NCO exchanges, which is not only the foundation of the Japan-U.S. alliance but supports the human network between the two countries. They also agreed that both sides will actively take the lead in those efforts. The defense cooperation and exchanges between the two air components has been active at all levels, including NCOs, as evidenced by the visit to U.S. by the Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai in April this year, as well as various Japan-U.S. bilateral training conducted on a regular basis both in Japan and abroad. Koku-Jieitai will continue to actively promote NCO exchanges with the U.S. Air Force in order to maintain and improve the trust and cooperation between the NCOs of both countries.

