

Japan-Philippines bilateral training on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

From June 21 to 24, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) conducted a Japan-Philippines bilateral exercise on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief at Clark Air Base, Colonel Ernesto Ravina Air Base, and surrounding airspace in the Republic of the Philippines.

As Japan and the Philippines are both prone to natural disasters, disaster response is a common challenge for both countries. The exercise, which was the second such exercise after last year, and included airdrop and on-load/off-load training with participation of C-130H of both Japan and the Philippines, aiming to improve HADR capabilities and strengthen cooperation. On June 23, General Izutsu, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai, together with Lieutenant General Canlas Sr, Commanding General, Philippine Air Force, observed the exercise and encouraged the participants from both countries.

For Japan, the Philippines is an important strategic partner, and enhancing collaboration through defense cooperation and exchanges between the two air forces contributes to the peace and stability of Japan and the region. Koku-Jieitai will continue to further promote defense cooperation and exchanges between the two air forces and contribute to upholding and reinforcing Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

