

## Chief of Staff's Visit to the Philippines and Vietnam

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From June 21 to 29, General Izutsu, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) visited the Philippines and Vietnam. He participated in Air Force Symposium hosted by Philippine Air Force and held talks with Lieutenant General Connor Anthony D. Canlas Sr, Commanding General, Philippine Air Force. He and Lt Gen Canlas visited the site of the bilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise, "Doshin Bayanihan 2-22", together. He also toured the fighter unit as well as the Command and Control unit. They reaffirmed the steady progress of defense cooperation between their air forces, and their commitment to further strengthen their relationship and to uphold a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

In Vietnam, he paid a courtesy call on General Nguyen Tan Cuong, Chief of the General Staff of the Vietnam People's Army, and exchanged views with Lieutenant General Vu Van Kha, Commander of Air Defence-Air Force, Vietnam People's Army. He also visited its units. During talks with Lt Gen Kha, Gen Izutsu expressed his view both countries can work together to uphold and reinforce a FOIP. They agreed to enhance collaboration between their air forces more vigorously under the "Japan-Vietnam Defense Cooperation at the New Level".



Honor guard ceremony by the Philippine Air Force



Participation in the Air Force Symposium held by the Philippine Air Force



Visit to the site of bilateral exercise with Lieutenant General Canlas Sr



Honor guard ceremony by the Air Defence-Air Force, Vietnam People's Army



Talks with Lieutenant General Kha, Commander, Air Defence-Air Force, Vietnam People's Army



Courtesy call on Senior Lieutenant General Cuong, Chief of the General Staff, Vietnam People's Army