

## Meeting with Commandant of the Marine Corps

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On September 2, General Izutsu Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force), met with General David H BERGER, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

At the meeting, they shared their understanding of the recent security environment surrounding Japan and the United States, including increased activities by China in the East China Sea and around Taiwan, and reaffirmed the significance of the Japan-U. S. Alliance and the close cooperation between the two countries. They also exchanged views on strengthening cooperation between Koku-Jieitai and the U.S. Marine Corps ahead of the introduction of F-35B to Koku-Jieitai, and they agreed to promote defense cooperation between the two forces and to further strengthen the Alliance capabilities to deter and respond.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to strengthen the cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps through various bilateral training and unit exchanges.

※We remove the face mask only when shooting

