

## Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai participated in IACC

From September 15 to 19, General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) visited Washington D.C. United States of America to participate in the International Air Chiefs Conference (IACC).

This event was held by the U.S. Air Force to mark the 75th anniversary of its founding, and featured various programs such as panel discussions and bilateral dialogues with the chiefs of staff of the Air Force from about 50 countries in participation, including Japan.

Gen Izutsu had bilateral meetings with chiefs of air staff from the United States, Canada, France, and India. At the meeting, they shared their understanding of the regional situation, including the activities of China and Russia, and the direction of defense cooperation and exchanges with other air forces, while they shared the view to further promote defense cooperation and exchanges.

Koku-Jieitai will promote defense cooperation and exchanges with other countries through various bilateral/multilateral exercises and unit-to-unit exchanges in order to maintain and enhance a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

