

Deputy Commander of the Fifth Air Force visiting Air Staff Office (ASO)

On September 30, Brig Gen Jesse J. Friedel, the Deputy Commander, Fifth Air Force (former commander of 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa) , visited Air Staff Office (ASO) for the first time after assumption of the position and had talks with Lt Gen Abe Mutsuharu, Vice Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai(Japan Air Self-Defense Force).

At the meeting, they shared views on the recent security environment surrounding Japan and the United States, including China's increased military activities in the East China Sea and around Taiwan, and reaffirmed that Japan-U. S. Alliance is cornerstone of peace and stability in Indo-Pacific. They agreed that their continuous communication is essential to enhance cooperation between the two air forces, and that they would work closely to strengthen deter and response capability of the Japan-U. S. Alliance to deter and counter threats.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to strengthen the cooperation with the U.S. Air Force through various bilateral training and exchanges.



Bilateral talk with Brig Gen Friedel



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