

## Visit to Japan by Chief of Royal Australian Air Force

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From October 16 to 19, Air Marshal Robert CHIPMAN, Chief of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) visited to Japan, where he had talks with General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force), and made a visit to Yokota and Fuchu Air Bases. Including Gen Izutsu's visit to Australia for Pitch Black 2022 hosted by RAAF this is their fourth meeting after AM CHIPMAN was assigned to Chief of RAAF in July.

During the visit, AM Chipman deepened his understanding of Japan's national security environment through a firsthand experience while learning the missions and capabilities of Koku-Jieitai. The two leaders agreed to further strengthen bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges, including enhancing interoperability and expanding training opportunities as confirmed at the Japan-Australia Defence Ministers' Meeting in June and the Trilateral Defense Ministers' Meetings in October.

Koku-Jieitai will promote defense cooperation and exchanges with the RAAF in order to uphold and reinforce the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).



Gift Exchange



Meeting with Chief of Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force



Visit to Space Operations Group  
at Fuchu Air Base



Visit to Air Defense Command at Yokota Air Base  
Commander, Air Defense Command and  
Chief of Staff, Royal Australian Air Force