

Cooperation through Video Discourse by Gen Izutsu, the Chief of Staff, at the Japan-U. S. Space Forum

From October 18 to 20, The Japan-U. S. Space Forum hosted by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, was held, and Gen Izutsu, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) gave a video discourse. Following his discourse, the participants visited Space Operations Group at Fuchu Air Base.

The forum is held for the purpose of discussing the role of private sector, which is increasingly important in space domain and making policy recommendations on issues of the space technology, policy, and strategic field. Space experts from the Australia, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam as well as Japan and the U.S. joined the forum this time to discuss not only SSA (Space Situational Awareness) capabilities of both Japan and the United States, but also the role of the space sector in building MDA (Maritime Domain Awareness) capability in the South China Sea recent years.

In his video discourse, Gen Izutsu mentioned the surge in space debris and objects, as well as an increasing risk of development of anti-satellite weapons and the intensifying space competition. In order to respond to these issues, he expressed his strong will to further dedicate to the stable use of outer space by enhancing Koku-Jieitai's Space Domain Awareness capabilities in outer space.

In Fuchu Air Base, the forum participants exchanged their opinions with JASDF Space members and thus deepened their understanding of activities of both JASDF and US Space Force.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to contribute to ensure the foundation for stable space through multilateral frameworks, mainly based on the United States, as well as industry-government-academia cooperation.



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