

## Participation in the CSpO initiative Principals' Board by Chief of Staff, Gen UCHIKURA

On December 6 and 7, Gen UCHIKURA Hiroaki, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) participated in the CSpO Initiative Principals' Board for the first time.

The aim of this conference in the "Space Security Initiative", that had been formulated in June of this year, led up to a realization of our participation for the first time.

The CSpO Initiative is a multinational framework that seeks to generate and enhance cooperation, coordination, and interoperability opportunities to sustain freedom of action in space, enhance mission assurance and resilience, and deter conflict.

Attendees including Gen UCHIKURA confirmed the need to continue to promote a rules-based international order and responsible behaviors in space, while collaboratively addressing challenges to the safety and of space-related operations.

All present affirmed the "CSpO Vision 2031," outlining the initiative's overarching purpose and highlights its guiding principles, including: freedom of use of space, responsible and sustainable use of space, partnering while recognizing sovereignty, and upholding international law.

These guiding principles will steer the Initiative's activities and consist of these lines of effort, from developing and operating resilient, interoperable architectures to fostering responsible behaviors in space and sharing information, all leading to the pursuit of a safe, secure, and sustainable space domain.

Koku-Jieitai will contribute to stable use of space based on knowledge and experiences gained through participation in the CSpO Initiative.

