

## NATO Secretary General's visit to Iruma Air Base

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On January 31, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) Iruma Air Base welcomed Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, NATO Secretary General. He had received a command briefing by General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai and talks with Lieutenant General SAKAMOTO Koichi, Commander of Central Air Defense Force and other senior officers. He also had a tour of Koku-Jieitai aircraft, gaining insight about its air bases, units, and assets. At the end of his visit, He extended his gratitude for the hard work of personnel involved, offering words of encouragement. Through his visit, Japan-NATO close cooperation as "reliable and natural partners" sharing common values and strategic interest amid the severe security environment the international community is facing.

Koku-Jieitai welcomes NATO's commitment on Indo-Pacific security and will further enhance close relations with NATO.



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NATO Secretary General with an F-2 fighter



NATO Secretary General in the cockpit of C-2 Cargo Aircraft



Group photo with the members of Iruma AB



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NATO Secretary General expressed his appreciation to Gen Izutsu