

Visit to Japan by Chief of German Air Force

On March 2, Lieutenant General Ingo GERHARTZ, Chief of the German Air Force visited Japan and had talks with General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) , and made a tour to Meguro Air Base.

Gen IZUTSU was pleased by the reunion with Lt Gen GERHARTZ after about five months since the bilateral exercise at Hyakuri Air Base in September 2022 and expressed his gratitude once again for the German Air Force's commitment to the Indo-Pacific region and its aircraft visit to Japan at that time.

Both of them confirmed that Japan and Germany share the recognition of security issues in the Indo-Pacific region and the two air forces are proceeding the defense cooperation and exchanges on various levels. They also agreed to keep working together even more closely to uphold and reinforce Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

Lt Gen GERHARTZ also had talks with Lieutenant General KAGEURA Seiki, Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, when he visited Meguro Air Base to give a lecture: “GERMAN AIR FORCE - OPERATIONAL, FLEXIBLE AND READY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY”, and he highlighted the importance of defense cooperation between the two air forces and the future prospects of defense exchanges.

Koku-Jieitai is confident that his visit further strengthens the relationship of trust between the two air forces and we will continue to promote defense cooperation and exchanges with the German Air Force to maintain the rules-based international order.



Chief of Staff, JASDF and
Chief of the German Air Force



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Commander of ACSC and
Chief of the German Air Force



Lecture by Chief of the German Air Force