

## Meeting with Chief of Staff, Italian Air Force

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On March 15, General IZUTSU Shunji, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai(Japan Air Self-Defense Force) met and talked with Lieutenant General Luca Goretti, Chief of Staff, Italian Air Force, as he visited Japan.

During the discussion, he welcomed Italian Air Force's commitment to the region, and the two air chiefs reaffirmed that Japan and Italy share awareness of the security issues in the Indo-Pacific region. They agreed to bolster Japan-Italy interoperability regarding the common equipment of the two air forces and further promote their defense cooperation and exchanges, including joint development of future fighter aircraft.

Koku-Jieitai will further strengthen the bond and collaboration with the Italian Air Force for the sake of the stable use of the airspace based on rules.

