

## Completion of Air-to-Air Refueling (AAR) Compatibility Test with the Royal Australian Air Force

From April 3rd to 25th, the Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) and the Royal Australian Air Force(RAAF) confirmed AAR compatibility between F-15(Koku-Jieitai) and KC-30A(RAAF) at the training air space over the Sea of Japan.

This Compatibility Test is an initiative that was decided to promote at the Japan-Australia "2 + 2" Foreign and Defense Ministerial Consultations held in December 2022. AAR is one of essential functions of fighter aircraft operation and greatly contributes to Koku-Jieitai - RAAF interoperability.

F-15(Koku-Jieitai) will be able to receive AAR from KC-30A(RAAF) after taking necessary measures.

On April 27, the KC-30A took off for Australia while being seen off by the personnel of Komaki Air Base.

The Koku-Jieitai will continue enhancing defense cooperation and exchanges to uphold and reinforce the Free and Open Indo Pacific.

