

Visit of Vice Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai to Malaysia

For 2 days from May 23 to 24, responding to invitation from General Asghar, Chief of Air Force, Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), Lieutenant General OGASAWARA Takuto, Vice Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force), participated in Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2023 (LIMA '23) and the Air Chiefs Conference (ACC).

During the trip, he met with Chief of Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, Deputy Chief of Air Force, Royal Malaysian Air Force, Chief of Air Force, Royal New Zealand Air Force, Commander, Eleventh Air Force, PACAF, Air Force Inspector General, Philippine Air Force, Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Group, Royal Air Force, and Director, Royal Thai Air Force Cyber Center, and confirmed that Japan and these countries share the recognition of security issues in the Indo-Pacific region, and had a wide-range of discussion on future defense cooperation and exchanges.

ASEAN countries and Japan will celebrate the 50th anniversary of friendship and cooperation in 2023, and are important partners in cooperation for peace, stability, development and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

Koku-Jieitai will work together with RMAF and other countries sharing common values to promote defense cooperation and exchanges, based on the New Plan for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

