

## Unit exchange between JASDF Central Band and Musical Unit of the Vietnam Air Defence-Air Force

From June 26 to July 2, JASDF Central Band visited Hanoi, Vietnam and conducted unit exchange with Musical Unit of the Vietnam Air Defence-Air Force.

Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) and Air Defence-Air Force, Vietnamese People's Army (ADAF, VPA) are important partners and have been building up cooperative relationship for peace, stability, development and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. This activity was realized on occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Vietnam and the 60th anniversary of the foundation of ADAF, VPA. This was the first unit exchange with Musical Unit of the Vietnam ADAF, and a step to multi-layering the relationship between Koku-Jieitai and ADAF, VPA.

Koku-Jieitai will actively promote defense cooperation and exchanges with Vietnam, based on Japan's New Plan for a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)".

