

Meeting with Commander of 5th Air Force

On August 18, General UCHIKURA Hiroaki, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) welcomed, had talked, and exchanged views with Lieutenant General Ricky N. Rupp, 5th Air Force Commander, and its wing leadership teams in Ichigaya.

During the discussion, they deepened organizational characteristics of the two air services through briefings from both sides, and agreed to continue developing co-operation between the Koku-Jieitai and the U.S. Air Force. They also welcomed the progress in their initiatives based on the security environment in the Indo-Pacific, reaffirmed the significance of the Japan-U.S. alliance as foundation of regional peace and stability, and agree to continuous commitment to realizing “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.” The Koku-Jieitai will continue to further strengthen close cooperation with the U.S. Air Force.



General UCHIKURA Hiroaki



Lieutenant General Ricky N. Rupp

