

Visit of Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps to Air Staff

On September 11, General UCHIKURA Hiroaki, Chief of Staff, the Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force), met with General Eric M. Smith, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. At the meeting, Gen Uchikura congratulated Gen Smith on being selected as the next Commandant of the Marine Corps and extended his gratitude for the support from USMC regarding Koku-Jieitai's introduction of F-35B. They reaffirmed the importance of cooperation across services to reinforce the Japan-U.S. alliance amid the severe security environment surrounding Japan, and agreed to maintain their close collaboration.

The Koku-Jieitai will continue to make the most of bilateral exercises and other opportunities, and promote cooperation with U.S. Forces to strengthen the alliance.

