

# Mobile deployment training of F-35A aircraft to the United States and Australia

From August 25 to 30, the Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) conducted overseas mobile deployment training of fighters including F-35A to the United States (Andersen Air Force Base in Guam) and Australia (RAAF Base Tindal). Besides F-35A, transport aircraft of the Air Support Command and approximately 160 personnel in total participated. This exercise, the first overseas deployment of the F-35A, was conducted to improve long-range navigation and aerial refueling capabilities, as well as enhance interoperability with the USAF and RAAF and promote mutual understanding.

At RAAF Base Tindal, the Koku-Jieitai and the Royal Australian Air Force carried out unit exchange between their respective F-35A squadrons, deepening mutual understanding. The two squadrons agreed to promote future cooperation.

It was the Koku-Jieitai's first exercise to which the Japan-Australia Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) was applied since it came into force. Mr. Greg Moriarty, Secretary of Defense in Australia, and Mr SUZUKI Kazuhiro, Ambassador of Japan welcomed Japan's F-35A at the RAAF Base Tindal, and the exercise became a milestone showing the further development of the bilateral defense cooperation and exchanges.

The Koku-Jieitai will deepen cooperation with the United States and Australia, and further advance defense cooperation and exchanges to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" (FOIP).

August 26 in Andersen AB, Guam



Stand out against a Guam's blue sky

August 27 in Tindal AB, Australia



Sunset in Tindal AB

August 28 in Andersen AB, Guam



Refueling in progress

August 29 in Tindal AB, Australia



Deployment to Guam