

Meeting with Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force

On Thursday, 5th October, General UCHIKURA Hiroaki, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) met with Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Sir Richard Knighton KCB ADC FREng, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force (RAF).

This is the first visit for ACM Knighton since he assumed the position of Chief of the Air Staff. Through bilateral meetings, they deepened understanding on activities between Koku-Jieitai and RAF and agreed to further strengthen cooperative relationship between the two air services. They also reaffirmed the importance of peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, and that they will continue their commitment to realizing Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

On following Friday, 6th October, ACM Knighton visited Hyakuri Air Base to observe units and interact with airmen there. The base tour facilitated his understanding on airmen of Koku-Jieitai and equipment such as Mitsubishi F-2, and its airmen committing to their mission.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to further strengthen close relationship with the RAF.

