



Greetings

from Chief of Staff,

Koku-Jieitai

Japan Air Self-Defense Force

Since the beginning of October, it has finally become cool in the morning and evening, and we have begun to feel the arrival of a pleasant season, and I hope things are going well for all the visitors to Koku-Jieitai's website.

On September 22 and 25, General Salzman, Chief of Space Operations of the U.S. Space Force, visited the Minister of Defense, the Chief of Staff of Joint Staff, and me for the first time since taking office last fall, and held a series of meetings. In the Air Staff Office, we exchanged our views on a wide range of topics to deepen mutual understanding, and agreed to further expand and deepen cooperation in the space field.

General Salzman also visited Fuchu Air Base and observed the Space Domain Awareness (SDA) mission by the Space Operations Group and gave his highest praise on the personnel who had acquired the required knowledge and skills in a short period of time since its establishment. I was very proud and confident of the personnel who confidently demonstrated their ability and were highly praised by the top of the U.S. Space Force.

As the 21st century is called the "Space Age," Koku-Jieitai aims to make our best efforts to contribute to the improvement of Japan's comprehensive space capabilities, by utilizing civilian technologies in the defense field based on the newly established Space Collaboration and Innovation Office, while referring to the vision and initiatives of the U.S. Space Force, a pioneer in the space domain.

During changing season, we would like you to take care of your health and ask for your continued understanding and cooperation for Koku-Jieitai.

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