

## Visit of Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific to Air Staff Office

On November 9, Lieutenant General OGASAWARA Takuto, Vice Chief of Staff, Japan Air Self-Defense Force (Koku-Jieitai), met with Brigadier General Daniel L. Shipley, Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. At the meeting, Lieutenant General Ogasawara extended his gratitude for the support from USMC for Koku-Jieitai's introduction of F-35B, and they exchanged views on the operation of the F-35B and other matters. They also mutually confirmed that exchanges between Koku-Jieitai and USMC at various levels are significant for enhancing Japan-U. S. Alliance, which is a cornerstone of peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific, and that they will continue to maintain close cooperation.

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

