

Deputy Commander, Fifth Air Force visits Air Staff Office

On January 26, Gen UCHIKURA Hiroaki, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) and Lt Gen OGASAWARA Takuto, Vice Chief of Staff, met with Brigadier General Jesse J. Friedel, Deputy Commander of the Fifth Air Force, USAF visiting the Air Staff Office. At the meeting, they exchanged views on a wide range of topics including bilateral and multilateral cooperation among air services. They reaffirmed the importance of close cooperation between Koku-Jieitai and USAF amid the severe security environment surrounding Japan as well as the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake, and agreed to further develop the cooperation between the two air services for reinforcing the Japan-U.S. alliance.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to promote activities that contribute to strengthening deterrence and response capabilities of the alliance through daily exchanges at all levels and in a wide range of fields, including opinion exchanges on regional situation with USAF.

