## **III** MEF Commanding General visits Air Staff Office

On February 21, General UCHIKURA Hiroaki, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force), met with Lieutenant General Roger B. Turner, Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Marine Corps. At the meeting, Gen Uchikura congratulated Lt Gen Turner on his assumption of the command and extended his gratitude for the support from USMC regarding Koku-Jieitai's introduction of F-35B. They reaffirmed the importance of cooperation across services to reinforce the Japan-U.S. Alliance amid the severe security environment surrounding Japan, and agreed to maintain their close collaboration. Koku-Jieitai will continue to make the most of bilateral exercises and other opportunities, and promote cooperation with U.S. Forces to strengthen the alliance.



