

Participation in the Pitch Black24

From July 12 to August 2, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) participated in multi-national exercise Pitch Black24 held in RAAF Base Darwin, Australia.

This was the second time for us to participate since 2022. We deployed E767 for the first time and conducted first bombing exercise in Australia. Space Operators from Koku-Jieitai also participated as observers.

From July 29 to August 1, General UCHIKURA Hiroaki, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai visited Australia. He encouraged the participating personnel and participated in the quadrilateral meeting among Japan-U.S.-Australia-the Philippines. In addition, he signed the document regarding the trilateral cooperation for training with PACAF and RAAF.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to enhance tactical skills of units through future training opportunities and further strengthen cooperation with other countries bridged by the blue sky to realize “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

