



# Greetings

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Last summer greetings from Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force). Thank you very much for visiting our website.

The Paris Olympics, which started on July 26, is already coming to an end. When I was visiting the UK to attend Global Air and Space Chiefs Conference last month, I happened to be on the same plane as the Japanese gymnastics team led by Head Coach MIZUTORI Hisashi. I was deeply touched to see them in their “Team Japan” uniforms, heading to the City of Light with such a determined attitude. Huge congratulations on the team for winning the long-desired team gold with outstanding teamwork.

Koku-Jieitai conducted multiple bilateral/multilateral trainings welcoming the French Air and Space Force at Hyakuri Air Base, the Spanish Air and Space Force and the German Air Force at Chitose Air Base in late July, and the Italian Air Force at Misawa Air Base in early August.

Although the training contents and durations varied, we all recognized that “the security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific are inseparable” and were committed to realizing “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.” We have deepened our mutual understanding and advanced our tactical skills.

Almost simultaneously, Koku-Jieitai participated in Pitch Black 24 at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin in the Northern Territory and the surrounding airspace. Taking advantage of the vast training airspace, we conducted a variety of exercises with aircraft from 20 participating countries and advanced our tactical skills. I believe we also enhanced mutual understanding and defense cooperation through multiple volunteering activities.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the local communities for your understanding and support, as well as the government officials from related departments. The success of these trainings is largely due to your cooperation.

Koku-Jieitai is committed to our mission as the “Japan’s Defense of Air and Stable Use of Outer Space Team.” Thank you for the continued support and understanding of Koku-Jieitai.

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