



Greetings

from Chief of Staff,



Koku-Jieitai

Japan Air Self-Defense Force

Welcome, and thank you for visiting the official website of Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force). I am General MORITA Takehiro. I have been appointed as the 38th Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai since August 1, 2025. In recent years, it has been repeatedly stated that "Japan is facing the most severe and complex security environment since the end of World War II." Year after year, the circumstances surrounding our nation have continued to evolve, becoming increasingly severe and complex. In such a situation, we must meet the expectations of the Japanese people by continuing to "evolve" and remaining a strong and capable force that adapts to rapid changes in the times and contributes to joint operations.

Recently, we established the "Core Values" of Koku-Jieitai, which were published on our website on July 11, 2025, defining our unchanging and fundamental principles as an armed organization responsible for protecting the skies and ensuring stable use of outer space. These values are:

Integrity: Sincerity and heartfelt devotion in fulfilling our mission.

Readiness: Constant preparedness and swift responsiveness.

Challenge: Courageous engagement with the space domain, emerging technologies, and diverse challenges.

With a clear and in-depth understanding of these values, each member of Koku-Jieitai will build a solid foundation, uphold the fundamentals and reach new heights. We continuously challenge ourselves to evolve. I will take the lead in this effort, striving to embody the principle of "challenge with following basic rules," and dedicate myself to the fulfillment of my duties.

We would like to kindly ask for your continued understanding on Koku-Jieitai.

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General MORITA Takehiro

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