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Lieutenant Colonel Takahiro OTA serves as the Assistant Military Attaché at the Embassy of Japan in the United States. He has made his career as an Infantry officer in the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF). Recently, he served as staff at the Training Division, the Ground Staff Office, Camp Ichigaya, Tokyo, where he led bilateral and multilateral trainings such as Talisman Saber, Kamandagu, Dusk Samurai, Forest Light and others.



Born in Kyoto in 1983, Takahiro OTA graduated from the Kwansei Gakuin University in 2006. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the JGSDF Officer Candidate School in 2007. His initial assignment was with the 33rd Infantry Regiment, 10th Division, Camp Hisai, Mie, where he served as a Platoon Leader and Training Officer. When he was the Platoon Leader, he was deployed to Miyagi in 2011 to aid disaster relief operations in response to the Great East Japan earthquake. During this assignment, he attended the Officer Ranger Course at JGSDF Fuji School, Shizuoka, and the Expeditionary Warfare School at the Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA from 2013 to 2014.

OTA then attended the Command and General Staff Course at the JGSDF Staff College, Camp Meguro, Tokyo. Upon graduation from the Staff College, he was assigned as staff to the Operation Support Division, Ground Staff Office, Camp Courtney, Okinawa where he served as a Liaison Officer to III Marine Expeditionary Force. His next assignment was the Company Commanding Officer of Second Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, Camp Yamaguchi. He was deployed for disaster relief operations in Hiroshima following the Japan Flood in 2018.