

Q&A for Aero Engine, Space & Defense Business Area

1. How do things stand with the issue of powder metal contamination in high-pressure disks on PW1100G engines?

- In view of progress with a technical study and an emphasis on flight safety, we concluded that repeated inspections are necessary. We expected that this would lead to an increase in the number of maintenance cycles, with the number of aircraft on ground rising accordingly.
- We will collaborate with Pratt & Whitney and other partners in the engine program to collectively address this issue and minimize the impact of such measures.
- We are assessing the effects on business performance, and will let you know once everything becomes clear.
- The PW1100G has earned accolades from customers for its fuel efficiency and other features. We will endeavor to turn things around to meet their expectations.

2. What is your growth strategy for your defense business?

- Defense engines are our prime business in this area. We look for revenues to increase, primarily for parts.
- Defense propulsion systems offer the greatest growth prospects.
- The Mizuho Works is a designated maintenance facility for the F135 engine of the F-35 combat aircraft. The maintenance business for that powerplant, which serves overseas, should expand in coming years.
- We are also keeping tabs on Japanese government discussions about transferring the F100 engine abroad, where we believe that demand would be high.