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Bilateral Fighter Training between the Japan Air Self-Defense Force and the Indian Air Force (VEER GUARDIAN 23)

The Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will conduct bilateral fighter training with the Indian Air Force (IAF). The details are as follows:

Details

1. Purpose

To promote mutual understanding and strengthen defense cooperation between the air forces and enhance JASDF's tactical skills.

2. Date

Jan 16 to 26, 2023

*The deployment of IAF aircraft started on January 10, and the withdrawal occurred on January 27.

3. Location

Hyakuri Air Base and its surrounding airspace, and Iruma Air Base.

4. Participating Units

a. JASDF : 4 F-2s, 7th Air Wing (Hyakuri)

4 F-15s, Air Tactics Development Wing (Komatsu)

Central Aircraft Control and Warning Wing (Iruma)

b. IAF : approximately 150 personnel

4 Su-30MKIs, No.220 Squadron, Western Air Command

2 C-17, No.81 Squadron, Western Air Command(Only for transportation support of deployment and withdrawal)

5. Content

Tactical training

6. Notes

a. Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented during the training.

b. The following Indian Air Force aircraft will fly to support for aerial refueling to IAF fighters.

1 IL-78, No.78 Squadron, Central Air Command