

## Multilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) Training in Micronesia and Other Countries (Christmas Drop)

From December 3 to 16, Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) participated in the U.S. Air Force-led Multilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) Training (Christmas Drop).

A Koku-Jieitai C-130H transport aircraft took part in the multilateral training, conducting air drop training in Pacific island nations such as Marshall, Micronesia and Palau to enhance HA/DR capabilities and strengthen cooperation with participating countries. In this training, clothing, toys, and stationery donated to the U.S. Air Force by charitable organizations were packaged, and C-130 transport aircraft from various countries, using the call sign "SANTA," conducted airdrops of these supplies to islands in Pacific island nations.

Koku-Jieitai will continue to work closely with the U.S. Forces and other partners to foster trust and strengthen relationships with Pacific island nations.

