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Air Staff Office

FY 2026 Integrated Air and Missile Defense Shooting Practice “I-ASP”

The Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) will conduct surface-to-air missile live-fire training in Fiscal Year 2026 as follows:

1. Purpose

Improve mission capability by conducting a series of live-fire missile training in the United States.

2. Date

September 13 - October 7, 2026

(Deployment/Preparation: August 30 - September 12, 2026)

(Withdrawal: Oct 8 - Oct 16, 2026)

3. Location

McGregor Range and White Sands Missile Range , New Mexico, United States

4. Participant and Asset

a. Participant

Approximately 190 personnel from Air Defense Missile Groups and supporting units

b. Asset

Patriot equipment

5. Training

Live firing, maneuver and deployment, missile reload and counter-small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)