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Air Staff Office

Japan-Philippines Bilateral Exercise on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief(HADR) “Doshin-Bayanihan 6-26”

The Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will conduct Japan-Philippines Bilateral Exercise. The details are as follows.

Details

1. Purpose

To improve capabilities of HADR and strengthen cooperation between JASDF and Philippine Air Force.

2. Period

From October 4 to 9, 2026

3. Locations

- a BGEN BENITO N EBUEN Air Base, Mactan, Philippines and airspace in vicinity of the Air Base
- b Daniel Z. Romualdez Airport, Leyte, Philippines and airspace in vicinity of the Air Port, Tacloban drop zone
- c Puerto Princesa International Airport, Palawan, Philippines and airspace in vicinity of the Air Port

4. Participating Unit

- a JASDF
1 K/C-130H and approximately 40 personnel, Air Support Command
- b Philippine Air Force
1 C-130H

5. Training Items

- a. Airdrop
- b. Load/offload training
- c. Takeoff and landing with night vision goggle
- d. Mass casualty training
- e. Aeromedical evacuation training

6. Remarks

On the occasion of the exercise above, the Japan-Philippines Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement will be applied for the first time.