

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Bilateral Exercise in Federated States of Micronesia “Christmas Drop 2020 ”

From December 2 to 14, 2020, the Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) C-130H participated in a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) bilateral exercise namely “Christmas Drop 2020” with the United States Air Force (USAF).

This exercise was based out of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam and the participants airdropped donated items including daily essentials to the Republic of Palau.

Through this exercise, the Koku-Jieitai improved its HA/DR capability and strengthened coordination with the USAF even under the COVID-19 situation.

The Koku-Jieitai will continue to coordinate with Air Forces in the Indo-Pacific and promote security cooperation in the region to maintain and strengthen a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

