

## Koku-Jieitai participated in Pacific Crown 21

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On 3 September, F-15, F-2 and E-767 of the Koku-Jieitai (JASDF) participated in exercise PacificCrown21. F-35B of UK Royal Air Force and US Marine Corps also participated for various tactical training, along with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's vessels including ISE, HARUSAME, ASAHI, CSG21 of UK Royal Navy, as well as vessels of US, Canadian, and Dutch Navies. The exercise enjoyed participation of broad range of assets, and was carried out with thorough COVID-19 prevention measures, contributing to the deepening of Japan-UK cooperation as well as cooperation among participating countries for the realization of Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

This is the first time for Japan and the UK to conduct air and maritime combined training in the vicinity of Japan's airspace, marking a new milestone in the long history of Japan-UK bilateral relations. We look forward to the further strengthening of collaboration with the Royal Air Force.

