

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise in Federated States of Micronesia “Christmas Drop 2021 ”

From December 1 to 13, 2021, the Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) C-130H participated in a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) exercise namely “Christmas Drop 2021” held by 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 Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, and Federated States of Micronesia.

Through this exercise, the Koku-Jieitai improved its HA/DR capability and strengthened coordination with participating countries.

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.”

