

【Press Release】

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Air Staff Office

Participation in the Exercise conducted by the Royal Australian Air Force  
(Pitch Black 22)

Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) will participate in Exercise Pitch Black 22, conducted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), to contribute to uphold and reinforce a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Purpose

To improve tactical skills of participating units, enhance interoperability with the RAAF and U.S. Forces, and deepen mutual understanding with the participating countries by taking part in RAAF-hosted multilateral exercise and training in practical environment.

2. Period

August 9 to September 17, 2022

(Period of Exercise Pitch Black 22: August 20 to September 8, 2022)

3. Locations

Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin, Northern territory Australia, and surrounding airspace

4. Participants

Air Defense Command (7th Air Wing (Hyakuri))

- a. Personnel: Approx. 150
- b. Aircraft: 6 F-2As

5. Training Contents

Air Defense Combat Training, Tactical Attack Training, and Aerial Refueling Training

6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented.