

Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RADR) Exercise with live bomb explosion

From August 1 to 5, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) conducted rapid airfield damage repair (RADR) exercise with live bomb explosion at Draughton Range, Japan.

This exercise was conducted for the purpose of improving the ability to recover from runway damage, by actually blowing up a simulated runway. Koku-Jieitai conducted damage investigation using drones, explosive ordinance disposal, craters repair with the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF/USAF) and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF).

Since the role of Civil Engineering, including that of runway damage repairs, is very important in supporting the operations of aircraft, Koku-Jieitai will continue to maintain and enhance our RADR capabilities closely with the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF/USAF) and the JGSDF.

