

## PAC-3 Maneuver Deployment Training (Sapporo)

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On September 7, the 11th Fire Unit, 3rd Air Defense Missile Group (Naganuma Sub-base) of Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) conducted PAC-3 maneuver deployment training at Camp Sapporo, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, in Hokkaido.

The purpose of this training is to maintain and improve the capability to deal with ballistic missiles, and this is the third such training this fiscal year following the maneuver deployment training to Maishima Sports Island in Osaka City in May and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's Kure District in Hiroshima Prefecture in July. Also, it was the second time since 2018 that the training was conducted at Camp Sapporo.

As the security environment surrounding Japan grows increasingly severe, the Koku-Jieitai is maintaining and improving its high level of proficiency in ballistic missile defense through these training, and maintaining its readiness to carry out its missions safely and reliably.

We will continue to carry out our mission with the understanding and cooperation of the people of Japan.

