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Air Staff Office

## Japan -U.S. Australia Trilateral Exchange

Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will conduct a Trilateral ISR Exchange with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), the United States Air Force (USAF) and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) as described below. This event contributes to upholding and reinforcing a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”. It also contributes to growing interoperability and familiarity between our forces.

### 1. Purpose

To improve interoperability and promote mutual understanding between the units, and to deepen defense cooperation among Japan, U.S. and Australia.

### 2. Dates

Mar 6 -to 8, 2023

### 3. Locations

Iwakuni Air Base & airspace around Kyushu

### 4. Participating units

- a. JASDF: Air Tactics Development Wing (Iruma), 1 RC-2
- b. JMSDF: Fleet Air Wing 31, 1 EP-3 and 1 OP-3C
- c. USAF: 55<sup>th</sup> Wing (82<sup>nd</sup> RS and 390<sup>th</sup> IS), 1 RC-135
- d. RAAF Surveillance and Response Group: 1 P-8A

### 5. What we do

Information Exchange

### 6. Notes

All activities will be conducted with required preventive measures against COVID-19.