

FY 2023 Air Defense Missile Shooting Practice (ASP)

From August 23 to November 25, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) conducts FY2023 Air Defense Missile Shooting Practice (ASP) at McGregor Range, New Mexico, US.

The purpose of this training is to verify combat readiness and enhance mission capabilities by conducting live-fire Patriot missiles exercises. This ASP is the 60th training session since the beginning of this training in 1963.

Approximately 480 personnel from Air Defense Missile Groups and other units from all over Japan will participate in this exercise and carry out maneuver and deployment training, missile reloading training, JASDF-JGSDF combined air defense combat training (live-fire training and live-target air defense training with JGSDF Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment), as well as bilateral live-fire training and unit-to-unit exchanges between the Japan and U.S. Patriot units.

Amid an increasingly severe security environment, Koku-Jieitai continues to conduct daily training, including practical training like this exercise to demonstrate Japan's intention and capability toward stabilization of the region by reinforcing deterrence and response capabilities.