

Multilateral Exercise in Pacific Airlift Rally 23 hosted by U.S. and Philippines and Japan-Philippines Bilateral Exercise on Humanitari-

From August 6 to 19, the Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) participated multilateral exercise in Pacific Airlift Rally 23 hosted by the United States and the Philippines, as well as the Bilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) Exercise with the Philippines in Clark Air Base and its surrounding airspace.

These exercises were conducted to enhance HA/DR capabilities of the Koku-Jieitai and to strengthen cooperation among the participating air forces.

The Southeast Asian region and Japan are prone to natural disasters, and disaster response is a common issue for all countries. In the multilateral exercise, the United States, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, and other countries participated in the airdrop training and table top exercises. During the Japan-Philippines bilateral exercise, both air forces conducted the airlift training. Through these exercises, the Koku-Jieitai enhanced the capabilities of HA/DR and strengthened cooperation with the participating air forces.

This was the first time for the Koku-Jieitai to participate in the Pacific Airlift Rally, and the third time to conduct the Japan-Philippines Bilateral HA/DR Exercise following last year.

The Koku-Jieitai will contribute to realizing a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" while deepening and expanding cooperation with our ally and like-minded countries.

