## JASDF participated Balikatan 2024 as an observer

From April 22nd to 27th, the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (Koku-Jieitai) participated as an observer in U.S.-Philippines joint exercise "Balikatan 2024" for the first time.

During the exercise, JASDF (Koku-Jieitai) attended Subject Matter Expert Exchange relating to IAMD (Integrated Air and Missile Defense) and exchanged efforts and concerns about IAMD with participants from the U.S., Australia and Philippines.

And also, through interaction with surface-to-air missile units on-site, we also deepened mutual understanding about air and missile defense in the region.

JASDF (Koku-Jieitai) will contribute to the effort to foster peace and stability throughout the Indo-Pacific by further strengthening cooperation with allies and like -minded countries including the U.S. and Philippines.

