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Ministry of Defense

First application of Japan-Philippines Reciprocal Access Agreement

Japan and the Philippines have decided that the Japan-Philippines Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA), which came into force on 11 September 2025, will be applied for the first time to the bilateral HA/DR exercise Doshin-Bayanihan5-25, between the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) and the Philippines Air Force and the operation to deliver support goods to help communities affected by the earthquake in Cebu.

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Japan-Philippines Bilateral Exercise on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief(HADR) “Doshin-Bayanihan 5-25”

The Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will conduct Japan-Philippines Bilateral Exercise. The details are as follows.

Details

1. Purpose

To improve capabilities of HADR and strengthen cooperation between JASDF and Philippine Air Force.

2. Period

From October 7 to 11, 2025

3. Locations

- a BGEN BENITO N EBUEN Air Base, Cebu, Philippines and airspace in vicinity of the Air Base
- b Daniel Z. Romualdez Airport, Leyte, Philippines and airspace in vicinity of the Air Port, Tacloban drop zone

4. Participating Unit

- a JASDF
1 K/C-130H and approximately 30 personnel, Air Support Command
- b Philippine Air Force
1 C-130H and 1 UH-1

5. Training Items

- a. Airdrop
- b. Load/offload training
- c. Takeoff and landing with night vision goggle
- d. Mass casualty training
- e. Subject matter expert exchange about aeromedical evacuation

6. Remarks

- a. JASDF will transport support goods prepared by the Philippines from Tacloban Air Base on Leyte Island to Mactan Air Base (Mactan Cebu international Air Port) regarding the earthquake in Cebu.
- b. The Japan-Philippines Reciprocal Access Agreement is applied to the exercise and the transportation above.