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Joint Staff Office

JSDF participation in “Equateur 2019,” a multilateral HA/DR exercise hosted by the French armed forces in New Caledonia

The JSDF will participate in Equateur 2019, an HA/DR (humanitarian assistance and disaster relief) exercise, as described below.

Specifics

1. Objectives

Improve the JSDF’s operational capabilities related to international disaster relief activities and enhance mutual understanding and trust between the JSDF and other participating countries.

2. Dates

September 21 (Sat) – October 5 (Sat), 2019

3. Host

French armed forces in New Caledonia

4. Location

New Caledonia

5. Exercise outline

Multilateral command post exercise focusing on disaster relief activities on islands

6. Participating countries (in addition to Japan)

France, Australia, Canada, Fiji, Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vanuatu (12 countries)

7. JSDF participants

Three service members from the Joint Staff Office and Joint Staff College

8. Other

The JSDF has been participating in the multilateral “Equateur” exercises since 2015. This will be the third time the JSDF has participated.