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Joint Staff

(Announcement)

### Large-Scale Global Exercise 2021 (LSGE21)

The JSDF participated in the second phase (Multinational Advanced Aviation Cooperative Deployment (MAACD)) of Large-Scale Global Exercise 2021 (LSGE21) as described below.

#### 1. Objectives

To improve JSDF's tactical capabilities and coordination with the U.S. Armed Forces, the United Kingdom Armed Forces and the Netherlands Armed Forces.

#### 2. Date

August 24, 2021

#### 3. Exercise Area

South of Okinawa

#### 4. Participating Units

##### (1) JGSDF

Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade  
1<sup>st</sup> Helicopter Brigade (CH-47JA)  
Western Army Aviation Group (AH-64D)

##### (2) JMSDF

JS *ISE* and SH-60K  
JS *ASAHI*

##### (3) JASDF

9<sup>th</sup> Air Wing (F-15J/DJ)  
Southwestern Aircraft Control and Warning Wing

##### (4) U.S. Armed Forces

USS *AMERICA* and F-35B  
USS *NEW ORLEANS*  
USS *THE SULLIVANS*  
F-15C  
MV-22B

##### (5) United Kingdom Armed Forces

HMS *QUEEN ELIZABETH* and F-35B, MERLIN MK2  
HMS *DEFENDER*  
HMS *KENT*

##### (6) Netherlands Armed Forces

HNLMS *EVERTSEN*

## 5. Types of Exercise

(1) Air Operations Exercise (Air Combat Maneuvering and PHOTEX)

(2) Maritime Operations Exercise (Cross Deck, Communication Exercise and PHOTEX)

## 6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



JGSDF AH-64D (in the foreground) and U.S. Marine Corps MV-22B on ISE's deck



### PHOTEX

(HMS *QUEEN ELIZABETH* and aircraft which participated in Air Operations Exercise)



### PHOTEX

(The front row from left to right: USS *AMERICA*, HMS *QUEEN ELIZABETH*, JS *ISE*  
The Middle row: HNLMS *EVERTSEN*, HMS *KENT*, JS *ASAHI*, HMS *DEFENDER*,  
USS *THE SULLIVANS*, The back row: USS *NEW ORLEANS*)



### Farewell Pass

(ISE's crews and HMS *QUEEN ELIZABETH*)