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Joint Staff

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Australia-Philippines-New Zealand Multilateral Exercise

Japan Self Defense Force (JSDF), the United States Navy (USN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), the Philippine Navy (PN) and the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN), demonstrating a collective commitment to strengthen regional and international cooperation in support of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, conducted a Multilateral Exercise as a Maritime Cooperative Activity.

The activity will be conducted in a manner consistent with international law and with due regard to the safety of navigation and the rights and interests of other States.

This underscores multilateral commitments to upholding the right of freedom of navigation and overflight, other lawful uses of the sea and international airspace, as well as respect for maritime right under international law, as reflected in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

1. Date

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2. Exercise Area

The South China Sea

3. Participating Units

(1) JSDF: JS SAZANAMI

(2) USN: USS HOWARD

(3) RAN and RAAF: HMAS SYDNEY, P-8A

(4) PN: BRP ANTONIO LUNA, BRP EMILIO JACINTO

(5) RNZN: HMNZS AOTEAROA

4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises