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Joint Staff

(Announcement)

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

Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF), the United States Navy (USN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and the Philippine Navy (PN), 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 was conducted in a manner consistent with international law and with due regard to the freedom of navigation and the rights and interests of other states.

This activity underscores multilateral commitments to upholding 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 United Nations 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) JMSDF: JS AKIZUKI, SH-60K
- (2) USN: USS BEN FOLD, P-8A
- (3) RAN and RAF: HMAS HOBART, P-8A
- (4) PN: BRP JOSE RIZAL

4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises



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