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Japan Joint Staff

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Philippines Multilateral Exercise

In demonstrating a collective commitment to strengthening regional and international cooperation in support of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF), the United States Navy (USN), the Philippine Navy (PN), the Philippine Air Force (PAF) and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) conducted a Multilateral Exercise as a Maritime Cooperative Activity.

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

1. Date

Jul 24, 2026

2. Exercise Area

The South China Sea

3. Participating Units

(1) JMSDF: JS YUDACHI

(2) USN: USS SANTA BARBARA, P-8A

(3) PN and PAF: BRP ANTONIO LUNA, C-208B, FA-50, A-29B, W-3A

(4) PCG: BRP TERESA MAGBANUA, BRP CAPE SAN AGUSTIN

4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises

