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(Announcement)

Japan-ROK-U.S. Exercise Freedom Edge 26

The Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) will conduct the Japan-ROK-U.S. trilateral exercise “Freedom Edge 26” as follows.

Freedom Edge 26 is a trilateral exercise conducted by Japan, the ROK, and the U.S. This exercise marks the fourth iteration since it was first conducted in 2024.

1. Objective

To enhance Japan-ROK-U.S. interoperability, including in multi-domain operations, demonstrate the firm commitment of the three countries to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, and contribute to shaping a security environment that does not tolerate unilateral changes to the status quo by force.

2. Period

From Monday, 7 September, to Friday, 11 September 2026

3. Place of Implementation

Ichigaya Area, Ministry of Defense, the East China Sea (international waters west of Kyushu) and its airspace, and the locations of participating units

4. Participating Countries (other than Japan)

The United States and the Republic of Korea

5. Participating Units and Assets

Approximately 560 personnel from the Japan Joint Staff, JSDF Joint Operations Command, JMSDF Self Defense Fleet, JASDF Air Defense Command, JASDF Air Support Command and Japan Cyber Defense Command, as well as JS Asahi, JS Atago, P-1, SH-60K, F-15, F-2, E-767, E-2D, KC-46A, KC-767.

6. Training Contents

- (1) Maritime operations
- (2) Air operations
- (3) Logistics
- (4) Cyber activities
- (5) PHOTOEX