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Joint Staff Office

Participation in Pacific Partnership 2026

The Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) will participate in Pacific Partnership 2026, hosted by the United States, in order to work closely with partner nations and organizations toward maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and advancing the realization of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

1. Purpose

To strengthen relationships and build mutual trust with countries in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond by promoting mutual understanding and cooperation with partner nations, while enhancing the JSDF's knowledge and skills related to international emergency relief operations.

2. Locations

Malaysia and the Republic of the Philippines

3. Period

(1) Malaysia

From Thursday, September 3 to Monday, September 14, 2026

(2) Republic of the Philippines

From Monday, September 21 to Tuesday, September 29, 2026

4. Activities

(1) Medical activities

(2) Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (including education and training in diving medicine)

(3) Facility repair and maintenance activities

(4) Joint musical performances and music instruction (including cultural exchange activities)

5. Participating Units

Japan Joint Staff (JJS), JGSDF Ground Component Command (GCC), Northern Army, JSDF Central Hospital, Maritime Staff Office (MSO), Yokosuka District, Kure District, Maizuru District, JMSDF Undersea Medical Center, Air Defense Command (ADC), Air Training Command, and JSDF Iruma Hospital

6. Other

The JSDF has participated in Pacific Partnership since 2007, and this year marks its 20th participation in the program.