

PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Multilateral exercises (Pacific Vanguard 19-1, etc.) involving Japan, the United States, Australia and the Republic of Korea

The JMSDF carried out multilateral exercises (Pacific Vanguard 19-1, etc.) as described below.

1. Japan-Australia bilateral navigation exercises

(1) Objectives

- A. Improve JMSDF tactical capabilities
- B. Strengthen coordination between the JMSDF and the Royal Australian Navy

(2) Exercise period

May 20 (Mon) – 22 (Wed), 2019

(3) Exercise location

Seas and airspace in the area between the south of Honshu and Guam

(4) Participating units

A. JMSDF

JS *ARIAKE*(DD 109) and JS *ASAHI*(DD 119)

B. Royal Australian Navy

Frigates HMAS *Melbourne* (FFG 05) and HMAS *Parramatta* (FFH 154)

(5) Types of exercises

Anti-submarine exercise and tactical maneuvers

2. Multilateral Pacific Vanguard 19-1 exercises involving Japan, the U.S., Australia and the ROK

(1) Objectives

- A. Improve JMSDF tactical capabilities
- B. Strengthen coordination between the JMSDF and the U.S., Royal Australian and ROK Navies

(2) Exercise period

May 23 (Thu) – 28 (Tue), 2019

(3) Exercise location

Seas and airspace surrounding Guam

(4) Participating units

A. JMSDF

JS *ARIAKE*(DD 109) and JS *ASAHI*(DD 119)

B. U.S. Navy

Amphibious command ship USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19), cruiser USS *Antietam* (CG 54), destroyer USS *Curtis Wilbur*(DDG 54), fleet oiler USNS *Rappahannock* (T-AO 204), cargo and ammunition ship USNS *Richard E. Byrd* (T-AKE 4), P-8A maritime aircraft and EA-18G electronic warfare aircraft

C. Royal Australian Navy

Frigates HMAS *Melbourne* (FFG 05) and HMAS *Parramatta* (FFH 154)

Submarine HMAS *Farncomb* (SSG 74)

D. ROK Navy

Destroyer ROKS *Wang Geon* (DDH 978)

(5) Types of exercises

Anti-air, anti-surface and anti-submarine exercises, refuel at sea

3. Japan-U.S. bilateral exercises

- (1) Objectives
 - A. Improve JMSDF tactical capabilities
 - B. Strengthen coordination between the JMSDF and the U.S. Navy
- (2) Exercise date
May 29, 2019 (Wed)
- (3) Exercise location
Seas and airspace surrounding Guam
- (4) Participating units
 - A. JMSDF
JS *ARIAKE* (DD 109) and JS *ASAHI* (DD 119)
 - B. U.S. Navy
Destroyer USS *Curtis Wilbur* (DDG 54)
- (5) Type of exercise
Tactical maneuvers

4. Japan-U.S.-Australia multilateral exercises

- (1) Objectives
 - A. Improve JMSDF tactical capabilities
 - B. Strengthen coordination between the JMSDF and the U.S. and Royal Australian Navies
- (2) Exercise date
May 29, 2019 (Wed)
- (3) Exercise location
Seas and airspace surrounding Guam
- (4) Participating units
 - A. JMSDF
JS *ARIAKE* (DD 109) and JS *ASAHI* (DD 119)
 - B. U.S. Navy
Destroyer USS *Curtis Wilbur* (DDG 54)
 - C. Royal Australian Navy
Submarine HMAS *Farncomb* (SSG 74)
- (5) Type of exercise
Anti-submarine exercise



Japan-Australia bilateral navigation exercises (back row, left: *ASAHI*, back row, right: *ARIAKE*, front row, left: *Parramatta* and front row, right: *Melbourne*)



Japan-Australia bilateral navigation exercises focusing on tactical maneuvers (*Melbourne* [left] approaching *ASAHI* [right])



Japan-U.S.-Australia-ROK multilateral exercises (participating vessels traveling in formation led by a Royal Australian Navy submarine)



Japan-U.S.-Australia-ROK multilateral exercises focusing on anti-surface exercise (*Asahi*'s 5-inch gun firing)



Japan-U.S.-Australia multilateral exercises focusing on anti-submarine exercise (*ARIAKE* [left] and *Curtis Wilbur* [right] searching for an Australian submarine)

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