

**PRESS RELEASE**

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(Announcement)

Japan-India Bilateral Exercise (PASSEX)

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) conducted a bilateral exercise with the Indian Navy to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation between JMSDF and Indian Navy

2. Period

JUN 13, 2021

3. Exercise Area

Indian Ocean

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF : JS *KASHIMA*, JS *SETOYUKI*
- (2) INDIA : INS *KULISH*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical maneuvers, communications drill

6. Notes

- (1) JS *KASHIMA* and JS *SETOYUKI* are on Overseas Training Cruise 2021.
- (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



Tactical maneuvers (From left to right, *KASHIMA*, *KULISH*, *SETOYUKI*)



Tactical maneuvers