

(Announcement)

### Japan- U.K- U.S- NL Multilateral Exercise (Pacific Crown 21-1)

The JMSDF conducted a multilateral exercise with the Royal Navy, U.S. Navy and Royal Netherlands Navy in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation between Japan and other participating navies

2. Period

August 25 - 26

3. Exercise Area

South of Okinawa

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: *JS ISE*, *JS ASHAHI*, SH-60K
- (2) U.K CSG: *HMS Q. ELIZABETH*, *HMS KENT*, *HMS DEFENDER*, *USS THE SULLIVANS*,  
*HNLMS EVERTSEN*

5. Type of exercise

Communication Exercise

6. Notes

- (1) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
- (2) Execution of further phases of Pacific Crown 21 is being coordinated among the navies concerned. Details will be officially announced following the determination.



From the front, JS *ISE*, HMS *Q. ELIZABETH*



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