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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-UK-U.S.-NL-Canada Multilateral Exercise (Pacific Crown 21-4)

The JMSDF conducts a multilateral exercise with the Royal Navy, U.S. Navy, Royal Netherlands Navy and Canadian 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

September 8-9

3. Exercise Area

East of Kanto

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *ISE*, JS *IZUMO*, SH-60J/K, MCH-101
- (2) JASDF : F-35A, E-767
- (3) UK CSG: HMS *Q. ELIZABETH*, HMS *DEFENDER*, HMS *FORT VICTORIA*,
HMS *TIDESPRING*, HNLMS *EVERTSEN*,
HMCS *WINNIPEG*, US F-35B, UK F-35B

CSG: Carrier Strike Group

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuver, Communication Exercise, Cross Deck, PHOTEX

6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented during the exercise.