MALABAR 2021 (Update)

The JMSDF conducts a multilateral exercise “MALABAR 2021” with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Indian Navy (IN), and the United States Navy (USN) to further strengthen defense cooperation and realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

Additional information is underlined.

1. Objectives
   (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
   (2) To strengthen the relationship with the RAN, IN, and USN

2. Period
   (1) Phase 1-1
       August 23 - September 10
   (2) Phase 1-2
       August 26 - 29
   (3) Phase 2
       October 11 - 14

3. Exercise Area
   (1) Phase 1-1
       Guam and in vicinity of Guam
   (2) Phase 1-2
       Western Pacific (Philippine Sea)
   (3) Phase 2
       Bay of Bengal

4. Participating Units
   (1) Phase 1-1
       a. JMSDF
          Special Boarding Unit
       b. USN
          USS BARRY, USNS YUKON, USNS BIG HORN, P-8A, C-17, and Special Operations Command Pacific
       c. IN
          INS SHIVALIK, INS KADMATT, P-8I, and Marine Commando
       d. RAN
          HMAS WARRAMUNGA
(2) Phase 1-2
   a. JMSDF
      JS KAGA, JS MURASAME, JS SHIRANUI, P-1, and Submarine
   b. USN
      USS BARRY, USNS YUKON, and P-8A
   c. IN
      INS SHIVALIK, INS KADMATT, and P-8I
   d. RAN
      HMAS WARRAMUNGA

(3) Phase 2
   a. JMSDF
      JS KAGA, JS MURASAME
   b. USN
      USS CARL VINSON, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USS STOCKDALE, USNS YUKON, and P-8A
   c. IN
      INS RANVIJAY, INS SATPURA, P-8I, and submarine
   d. RAN
      HMAS BALLARAT, HMAS SIRIUS

5. Type of exercises
   (1) Phase 1-1
      Various tactical exercises, mainly special forces operation
   (2) Phase 1-2
      Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Air Defense Exercise and Replenishment at Sea
   (3) Phase 2
      Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Surface Gunnery Exercise and Replenishment at Sea, etc.

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