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(Announcement)

Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022

The JMSDF starts Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) in order to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF tactical capabilities and to strengthen cooperation with partner navies in the Indo-Pacific region through conducting joint exercises
- (2) To contribute to the peace and stability of the region and to enhance mutual understanding and relationship with partner countries through the deployment

2. Period

June 13 - October 28, 2022

3. Participating Units

(1) First Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commander, Escort Flotilla Four, RADM HIRATA Toshiyuki

b. Units

JS *IZUMO* (DDH 183), JS *TAKANAMI* (DD 110), embarked helicopters

c. Personnel

Approx. 600

(2) Second Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commanding Officer of JS *KIRISAME*, CDR SAKATA Atsushi

b. Units

JS *KIRISAME* (DD 104), embarked helicopter

c. Personnel

Approx. 180

(3) Submarine Unit

a. Unit

Submarine x1

b. Personnel

Approx. 80

(4) First Aerial Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commanding officer of Thirty-two Flight Squadron, CDR OSUGA Nobuhide

b. Unit

P-1 x1, and Fourth Maintenance and Supply Squadron

c. Personnel

Approx. 60

(5) Second Aerial Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commanding officer of Eighty-one Flight Squadron, CDR MAEDA Satoyuki

b. Unit

UP-3D x1, and Thirty-one Maintenance and Supply Squadron

c. Personnel

Approx. 30

(6) Third Aerial Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commanding officer of Seventy-one Flight Squadron, CDR KAWAGUCHI Tomohisa

b. Unit

US-2 x1, and Thirty-one Maintenance and Supply Squadron

c. Personnel

Approx. 30

4. Port of call (In alphabetic sequence)

Australia, Fiji, French New Caledonia, India, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Tonga, United States, Vanuatu, Vietnam (those countries to visit are still under coordination)

5. Main Participating Exercises

During this deployment, deployed units participate in following exercises.

(1) RIMPAC 2022

(2) Pacific Partnership 2022

(3) PACIFIC VANGUARD 22

(4) JIMEX

(5) KAKADU 2022

(6) Exercise SAMASAMA/LUMBAS

6. Notes

(1) During this deployment, the JGSDF will participate in some of the exercise.

(2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 are implemented during the exercise.