

PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

U.S. Navy hosted Multilateral Exercise (RIMPAC2022)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) unit participates in a multilateral exercise (RIMPAC2022) hosted by the U.S. Navy in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relationship with the participating countries.

2. Period

June 29 - August 4

3. Exercise Area

In and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California

4. Participating Units

(1) JMSDF

a. First Surface Unit

Commanding Officer: Commander, Escort Flotilla Four, RADM HIRATA Toshiyuki

Unit: JS *IZUMO* (DDH 183), JS *TAKANAMI* (DD110), and embarked 3 helicopters

b. First Aerial Unit

Commanding Officer: Commanding officer of Thirty-two Flight Squadron,

CDR OSUGA Nobuhide

Unit: P-1x1, and Fourth Maintenance and Supply Squadron

c. Other

Dispatch staff approx. 40 persons

(2) JGSDF

a. Exercise Director

Western Army General Manager, GENERAL TAKEMOTO Ryuji

b. Unit

Western Army Artillery Troop

5. Type of exercises

Various tactical exercise (Various types of warfare exercise, missile firing exercise, etc.), HA/DR※ training

※ HA/DR: Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief

6. Notes

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

(2) RIMPAC has been conducted almost every other year since 1971, and this is the 28th RIMPAC. JMSDF has participated in RIMPAC since 1980, and this will be the 22nd time.