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(Announcement)

PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP 2022

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) unit will participate in U.S. led “PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP 2022” with U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Royal Navy and Palau's Division of Maritime Security and Fish and Wildlife Protection, Bureau of Public Safety, Ministry of Justice (DMSFWP) in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Royal Navy, and DMSFWP

2. Period

July 15- 19

3. Exercise Area

Palau and in vicinity of Palau

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME*
- (2) USN: USNS *MERCY*
- (3) USCG: USCG *MYERTLE HAZARD*
- (4) RN: HMS *TAMAR*
- (5) DMSFWP: PSS *KEDAM*

5. Type of exercise

Search and Rescue Exercise, etc.

6. Notes

- (1) Japan Self-Defense Force has participated in PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP since 2007, and this will be the 15th participation.
- (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented during the exercise.