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## Japan-Tonga Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) unit, JS *KIRISAME*, conducted a goodwill exercise with the Kingdom of Tonga Navy 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 promote mutual understanding with the Kingdom of Tonga Navy

### 2. Date

August 20, 22

### 3. Exercise Area

In vicinity of Nuku’alofa

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME* (IPD22 Second Surface Unit)
- (2) Kingdom of Tonga Navy: VOEA *NGAHAU SILIVA*

### 5. Type of exercises

Communication Exercise, Tactical maneuvering, etc.

### 6. Notes

- (1) This is the first time exercise with Kingdom of Tonga Navy.
- (2) JS *KIRISAME* (IPD22 Second Surface Unit) made port visit to Nuku’alofa, the Kingdom of Tonga from 20 to 22 August.
- (3) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



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From the front, JS *KIRISAME*, VOA NGAHAU SILIVA