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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Australia-Canada Multilateral Exercise (NOBLE MIST 22)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) unit, JS *KIRISAME*, conducted a trilateral exercise “NOBLE MIST 22” with the U.S. Navy (USN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation among the participating navies

2. Period

October 4-8

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME* (IPD22 Second Surface Unit)
- (2) USN: USS *MILIUS*, USS *HIGGINS*
- (3) RAN: HMAS *HOBART*, HMAS *ARUNTA*, HMAS *STALWART*
- (4) RCN: HMCS *WINNIPEG*
- (5) USCG: USCGC *MIDGETT*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercises (Anti-submarine warfare exercise, etc.)

6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



From the front, HMAS *HOBART*, HMAS *STALWART*



From the front, JS *KIRISAME*, USS *MILIUS*