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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (NOBLE FUSION 22)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) unit, JS *KIRISAME*, conducted a bilateral exercise “NOBLE FUSION 22” with the U.S. Navy (USN) in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities and interoperability with the USN

2. Period

October 19-21

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME* (IPD22 Second Surface Unit)
- (2) USN: USS *OAKLAND*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercises

6. Notes

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



From the front, JS *KIRISAME* and USS *OAKLAND*



USS *OAKLAND* (JMSDF photo by JS *KIRISAME*)