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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-India-Australia Multilateral Exercise (MALABAR 2022)

The JMSDF conducts a multilateral exercise "MALABAR 2022" with the U.S. Navy (USN), the Indian Navy (IN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Royal Australian Air force (RAAF) in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" as described below.

# 1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability with the USN, the IN, the RAN and the RAAF

#### 2. Period

November 8-15

#### 3. Exercise Area

South of Kanto

#### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *TAKANAMI*, JS *SHIRANUI*, JS *HYUGA*, JS *KUNISAKI*, JS *OUMI*, SS, P-1, UP-3D, Special Boarding Unit
- (2) USN: USS *RONALD REAGAN*, USS *CHANCELLORSVILLE*, USS *MILIUS*, *P-8A*, Special Operation Force
- (3) IN: INS SHIVALIK, INS KAMORTA, P-8I, MARCOS
- (4) RAN: HMAS ARUNTA, HMAS STALWART, SS
- (5) RAAF: P-8A

## 5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Anti-Air Warfare Exercise, Replenishment at Sea, etc.)

### 6. Notes

- (1) On November 5, the JMSDF held a four-chiefs of Navies Talks with the USN, the IN and the RAN on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MALABAR.
- (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented during the exercise.