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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

U.S. hosted Multilateral Exercise (IMX/CE23)

The Indo-Pacific Middle East Deployment 2023 (IMED23) unit will be participate in a multilateral exercise (IMX/CE23) hosted by the U.S. 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 enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relationship with the participating countries

2. Period

February 26-March 19

3. Exercise Area

Around of Bahrain

4. Participate units

- (1) Commanding Officer: Commander, Mine Sweeping Division One, CAPT NAKAI Eiichi
- (2) Units: *JS URAGA*(MST 463), *JS AWAJI*(MSO 305)

5. Type of Exercise

Mine Warfare Exercise, etc.

6. Notes

- (1) The JMSDF has participated in IMX/CE23 since 2012, and this will be the 8th time.
- (2) Preventive measures against COVID-19 will be implemented during the exercise.

※ IMX/CE23: International Maritime Exercise /Cutlass Express 2023