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(Announcement)

Multilateral Exercise (LA PEROUSE 23)

The JMSDF participated in a multilateral exercise (La Perouse 23) with the French Navy (FN), the U.S Navy (USN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Indian Navy (IN), the Royal Navy (RN), the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), and the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) 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 relationship among the participating navies

2. Period

March 13-14

3. Exercise Area

East of Sri Lanka

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SUZUTSUKI*
- (2) FN: FS *DIXMUDE*, FS *LA FAYETTE*
- (3) USN: USS *CHARLESTON*
- (4) RAN: HMAS *PERTH*
- (5) IN: INS *SAHYADRI*, INS *JYOTI*
- (6) RN: HMS *TAMAR*
- (7) RCN: RCN HQ, etc.
- (8) RNZN: RNZN HQ, etc.

5. Type of exercises

Tactical exercise (Anti-Surface Warfare Exercise, Air Defense Exercise, Tactical Maneuvering, Cross Deck), etc.



From the front, JS *SUZUTSUKI* and FS *DIXMUDE*



From the left, JS *SUZUTSUKI* and HMAS *PERTH*