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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023

The JMSDF will conduct Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) in order to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF tactical capabilities and to strengthen cooperation with partner navies in the Indo-Pacific region through conducting exercises.
- (2) To contribute to the peace and stability of the region and to enhance mutual understanding and relationship with partner navies through the deployment.

2. Period

April 20-September 17

3. Participating Units

(1) First Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commander, Escort Flotilla 1, RADM NISHIYAMA Takahiro

b. Units

JS *IZUMO*, JS *SAMIDARE*, JS *SHIRANUI* and embarked helicopter x4

c. Personnel

Approx.880

(2) Second Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commander, Mine Warfare Force, RADM KANEZASHI Motoyuki

b. Units

JS *SHIMOKITA* and LCAC x2

c. Personnel

Approx.140

(3) Third Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Commanding Officer, JS *KUMANO*, CDR SAKURAI Atsushi

b. Unit

JS *KUMANO*

c. Personnel

Approx.90

(4) Submarine Unit

a. Unit

Submarine x1

b. Personnel

Approx.80

4. Port of Call (In alphabetic sequence)

Australia, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, French New Caledonia, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Kingdom of Tonga, Malaysia, Republic of Fiji, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of Maldives, Republic of Palau, Republic of Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Solomon Islands, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, United States of America
(those countries to visit are still under coordination)

5. Main Participating Exercises

(1) IMDEX Asia 2023

(2) LIMA2023

(3) Pacific Vanguard 2023

(4) JIMEX2023

(5) Pacific Partnership 2023

(6) Talisman Sabre 2023

(7) MALABAR 2023

6. Notes

(1) The JMSDF has conducted this deployment since 2017, and this is the 7th time.

(2) During this Deployment, the JGSDF will participate in some of exercises.