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## Japan-France Bilateral Exercise “OGURI-VERNY 23”

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit, JS KUMANO conducted a bilateral exercise with the French Navy 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 strengthen cooperation with the French Navy

## 2. Period

April 20 - 21

## 3. Exercise Area

South of KANTO

## 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KUMANO* (IPD23 Third Surface Unit)
- (2) French Navy: FS *PRAIRIAL*

## 5. Type of exercise

Tactical Exercise (Tactical Maneuvering, LINKEX, etc.)



JMSDF members seeing of the FS *PRAIRIAL*