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(Announcement)

Japan-French Bilateral Exercise “OGURI-VERNY 23-3”

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit, JS *KUMANO* conducted a bilateral exercise “OGURI-VERNY 23” with the French Navy with together the JASDF 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 the JMSDF’s operational capabilities in cooperation with JASDF.
- (3) To strengthen cooperation between the JMSDF and the French Navy.

2. Date

June 7

3. Exercise Area

South of Shikoku

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KUMANO* (IPD23 Third Surface Unit), Submarine
- (2) JASDF :8th Air Wing Squadron (F-2), Western Airborne Warning and Control Wing
- (3) French Navy: FS *LORRAINE*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Exercise (Anti-submarine warfare exercise, Anti-air warfare exercise, Anti-surface warfare exercise, LINKEX, etc.)



JMSDF members seeing of FS *LORRAINE*



JMSDF member saluting the commanding officer of FS *LORRAINE*