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(Announcement)

## Japan-U.S.-France Multilateral Exercise (Multi Big-Deck Event)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) units conducted a multilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN), the United States Air Force (USAF), and the French Navy (FN) 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 strengthen cooperation with participating navies

### 2. Period

June 7 - 10

### 3. Exercise Area

From East of Okinawa to East China Sea

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *IZUMO*, JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit)
- (2) JASDF: 9th Air Wing (F-15), South West Aircraft Control & Warning Wing
- (3) USN: USS *RONALD REAGAN*, USS *NIMITZ*, USS *ANTIETAM*, USS *ROBART SMALLS*,  
USS *BUNKER HILL*, USS *RAFAEL PERALTA*, USS *DECATUR*, USS *WAYNE E. MEYER*  
USS *CHUG-HOON*
- (4) USAF: B-52
- (5) FN: FS *LORRAINE*

### 5. Type of exercise

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

### 6. Other

This exercise is a part of Large Scale Global Exercise (LSGE23).



From the front, JS *IZUMO*, JS *SAMIDARE*, USS *BUNKER HILL*, USS *CHUG-HOON*,  
USS *ANTIETAM* (left back)



Units participating in the training



From the front, USS *RONALD REAGAN*, FS *LORRAINE*, USS *ANTIETAM*