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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S-France Multilateral Exercise (Noble Buffalo)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) units conducted a multilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN), and the French Navy (FN) 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 14 - 19

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit)
- (2) USN: USS *RONALD REAGAN*, USS *ROBART SMALLS*
- (3) FN: FS *LORRAINE*

5. Type of exercise

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

6. Other

- (1) This exercise is a part of the Large Scale Global Exercise (LSGE23).
- (2) JS *IZUMO* and JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit) will make a port visit to Cam Ranh, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam from 20th to 23th June.