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(Announcement)

Japan-Australia Bilateral Exercise (Trident23)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) units conducted a Bilateral exercise with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) 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 interoperability among the JMSDF, the RAN and the RAAF

2. Period

June 24 - 25

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *IZUMO*, JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit)
- (2) RAN: HMAS *ANZAC*
- (3) RAAF: P-8A

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Exercise (Anti-surface warfare exercise, Anti-air warfare exercise, LINKEX, etc.),
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From the left, HMAS *ANZAC* and JS *IZUMO*



JMSDF members seeing of the HMAS *ANZAC*