

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Japan-Italy Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the Italian 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 Italian Navy

2. Date

July 3

3. Exercise Area

East China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: *JS HAMANA*
- (2) Italian Navy: ITS *FRANCESCO MOROSINI*

5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea training, Tactical maneuvering exercise, etc.



ITS FRANCESCO MOROSINI



ITS FRANCESCO MOROSINI (left), *JS HAMANA* (right) during Replenishment at Sea training