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(Announcement)

Japan-Papua New Guinea Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit will conduct a goodwill exercise with the Independent State of Papua New Guinea Defense Force (PNGDF) in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" as described below.

- 1. Objectives
- (1) To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To promote friendship and mutual understanding with the PNGDF
- 2. Date
 July 11
- 3. Exercise Area Coral Sea
- 4. Participating Units
 - (1) JMSDF: JS IZUMO (IPD23 First Surface Unit)
 - (2) PNGDF: HMPNGS FRANCIS AGWI
- 5. Type of exercises

Communication training, Tactical maneuvering exercise, etc.

- 6. Notes
- (1) This will be the first exercise with the Independent State of Papua New Guinea for the JMSDF.
- (2) JS *IZUMO* (IPD23 First Surface Unit) makes a port visit to Port Moresby, Independent State of Papua New Guinea from 7th to 11th July.