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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Australia-ROK Multilateral Exercise (Pacific Vanguard 23)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit conducted a multilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Republic of Korean Navy (ROKN) 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 between the JMSDF and participating navies

2. Period

July 1-10

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of the Guam

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SHIRANUI* (IPD23 First Surface Unit), SS
- (2) USN: USS *HOWARD*, SS, USNS *SEZARL CHABEZ*, USNS *YUKON*, P-8A
- (3) USMC: 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force
- (4) RAN: EXCON Staff
- (5) ROKN: ROKS *MUN MU DAEWANG*

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical exercise (Anti-surface gunnery exercise, Anti-ground gunnery exercise, Anti-surface warfare exercise, Anti-submarine warfare exercise, etc.), PHOTOEX

6. Notes

The JMSDF has participated in the Pacific Vanguard its first time in 2019, and this is the 6th time.



PHOTOEX

(ROKS *MUN MU DAEWANG* (Left), JS *SHIRANUI* (Middle), USS *HOWARD* (Right), SS (Front))



Anti-surface gunnery exercise



ESSM launched by JS *SHIRANUI*



JMSDF members conducting training