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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-France Bilateral Exercise (OGURI-VERNY 23-4)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit conducted a bilateral exercise “OGURI-VERNY 23-4” with the French Armed Forces in French New Caledonia (FANC) in order to strengthen cooperation and 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 FANC

2. Date

August 10

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of the New Caledonia

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SHIMOKITA* (IPD23 Second Surface Unit)
- (2) FANC: FS *AUGUSTE BENEBIG*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuver Exercise, PHOTOEX, etc.

6. Notes

JS *SHIMOKITA* (IPD23 Second Surface Unit) made a port visit to the Noumea, French New Caledonia from 11 to 14 August.



FS AUGUSTE BENEBIG



Tactical Maneuver Exercise



From the left, FS *AUGUSTE BENEBIG* and JS *SHIMOKITA*



JMSDF members seeing of the FS *AUGUSTE BENEBIG*