



PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Participation in the Multilateral Exercise (SEACAT23) hosted by the U.S. Navy

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit participated in the multilateral exercise “SEACAT23” hosted by the U.S. Navy 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 enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relationship of trust with participating navies and services

2. Period

August 14-16

3. Place

Republic of Singapore

4. Participating unit

JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit),

5. Type of participations

Maritime Domain Awareness Seminar, VBSS workshop, etc.

6. Notes

- (1) The JMSDF has participated in SEACAT since its first time in 2020, and this was the 3rd participation for the JMSDF.
- (2) JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit) made a port visit to the Changi, Republic of Singapore from 13 to 17 August.



SEACAT2023 opening ceremony



VBSS workshop



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Participants in SEACAT2023