

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Canada Trilateral Exercise (Noble CHINOOK)

The JMSDF is conducting a trilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) and the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) 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 among the JMSDF, the USN and the RCN

2. Period

August 21 – 28

3. Exercise Area

From East of Kuril Islands to South of Kanto

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF : JS *HYUGA*
- (2) USN : USS *BENFOLD*
- (3) RCN : HMCS *OTTAWA*, HMCS *VANCOUVER*, MV *ASTERIX*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Exercise (Anti-surface warfare exercise, Cross Deck, etc.), PHOTOEX



Lookouts visually observing USS *BENFOLD*



JMSDF members conducting Tactical Exercise



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