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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-Tonga Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit conducted a goodwill exercise with the Tonga Royal Navy (TRN) 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 promote friendship and mutual understanding with the TRN

2. Date

August 30

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Kingdom of Tonga

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SHIRANUI* (IPD23 First Surface Unit)
- (2) TRN: VOEA NGAHAU *KOULA*

5. Type of exercises

Communication Exercise, Tactical Maneuvering Exercise, etc.

6. Notes

- (1) JS *SHIRANUI* (IPD23 First Surface Unit) made a port visit to Nuku’ alofa, Kingdom of Tonga from 28 to 30 August.
- (2) During the port visit, JS *SHIRANUI* (IPD23 First Surface Unit) conducted Boarding Exercise with Boarding Team of the TRN and IUU (Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated) Fishing Crackdown Advisor of United States Coast Guard as part of the PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP2023 on 29 August.



VOEA NGAHAU *KOULA*



JMSDF member seeing of the VOEA NGAHAU *KOULA*