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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Canada Trilateral Exercise
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The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) units conducted a trilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) and the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) 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 among the JMSDF, the USN, and the RCN

2. Period

September 5 - 6

3. Exercise Area

South of Okinawa

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *IZUMO*, JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit),
Submarine (IPD23 Submarine Unit)
- (2) USN: USS *RALPH JOHNSON*
- (3) RCN: HMCS *OTTAWA*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Exercise (Anti-submarine Warfare Exercise, etc.), PHOTOEX



Scene of PHOTOEX



From the front, HMCS *OTTAWA*, JS *IZUMO*, USS *RALPH JOHNSON*