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(Announcement)

Participation in the Multilateral Exercise (Exercise SAMASAMA 2023)
hosted by the U.S. and the Philippines

The JMSDF will participate in the multilateral exercise “Exercise SAMASAMA 2023” hosted by the United States Navy (USN) and the Philippine Navy (PN) 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

2. Period

October 2-13

(Harbor Phase: October 2-7)

(Sea Phase : October 8-13)

3. Place

In the vicinity of Manila and Legazpi

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKEBONO*
- (2) USN: USS *DEWEY*
- (3) PN: BRP *SAN ANTONIO*, C-90
- (4) Royal Canadian Navy: HMCS *VANCOUVER*
- (5) Royal Navy: HMS *SPEY*

5. Type of participations

(1) Harbor Phase

Subject Matter Expert Exchange (Maritime Domain Awareness, International Law, Medical),
etc.

(2) Sea Phase

Search and Rescue exercise, Replenishment at Sea, etc.

6. Notes

The JMSDF has participated in SAMASAMA since 2019, and this is the 4th time.