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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Australia-Canada-New Zealand Multilateral Exercise
(Noble Caribou)

The JMSDF conducted a multilateral exercise “Noble Caribou” with the United States Navy (USN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), and the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) 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 with the participating navies

2. Date

October 23

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKEBONO*
- (2) USN: USS *RAFAEL PERALTA*
- (3) RAN: HMAS *BRISBANE*
- (4) RCN: HMCS *OTTAWA*
- (5) RNZN: HMNZS *TE MANA*

5. Type of participations

Tactical training (Communication training, Tactical Maneuvering Exercise, etc.), PHOTOEX



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From the front, USS *RAFAEL PERALTA*, HMCS *OTTAWA*, HMAS BRISBANE and JS *AKEBONO*



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