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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

ANNUAL Exercise 2023

The JMSDF will conduct the multilateral exercise “ANNUAL Exercise 2023” with the U.S. Navy (USN), the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Royal Australian Air force (RAAF), the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), the Royal Canadian Air force (RCAF) and the Philippine Navy (PN) as described below.

1. Objective

- (1) To train tactical judgment by commanding officers and unit operational procedures
- (2) To enhance JMSDF capabilities to execute mission
- (3) To strengthen cooperation among the JMSDF, the USN, the RAN, the RAAF, the RCN, the RCAF and the PN

2. Period

November 10-20 2023

3. Place

Sea and Airspace surrounding Japan

4. Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE)

Vice Admiral SAITO Akira, Commander-in-Chief, Self-Defense Fleet

5. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS Hyuga and about 15 other vessels
P-1 and other about 20 aircraft
- (2) USN: USS Carl Vinson and about 10 other vessels
P-8 and about 10 other aircraft
- (3) RAN and RAAF: HMAS Brisbane and 1 vessel
P-8A
- (4) RCN and RCAF: HMAS Vancouver and 2 other vessels
CP-140
- (5) PN: Dispatched staff officers

6. Major Exercise Fields

Tactical exercises (Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Anti-Surface Warfare Exercise, etc.),
Replenishment at Sea

7. Notes

The “ANNUAL Exercise” is the largest JMSDF exercise since 1954. On this exercise, the JMSDF have collaborated with the USN since 1981, with the RCN since 2017, and with the RAN since 2019.

In addition, it is the first time that the PN will participate in this exercise as an observer.