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(Announcement)

Participation in the Multilateral Exercise (Sea Dragon 2024) hosted by the U.S. Navy

The JMSDF has been participating in a multilateral exercise “Sea Dragon 2024” hosted by the U.S. Navy (USN) 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 participating countries

2. Period

January 8-24

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Guam

4. Participating units

- (1) Commanding Officer
Commanding officer of Thirty First Flight Unit, CDR KATAGIRI Naoki
- (2) Unit
Air Patrol Squadron Three (P-1)
- (3) Personnel
Approx. 40

5. Type of exercise

Anti-submarine warfare exercise

6. Notes

The JMSDF has participated in this multilateral exercise “Sea Dragon” since its first time in 2020, and this is the fifth participation for the JMSDF.