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(Announcement)

Participation in the Multilateral Exercise (MILAN 2024) hosted by the Indian Navy

The JMSDF will participate in a multilateral exercise “MILAN 2024” hosted by the Indian Navy (IN) 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 strengthen relationship and mutual understanding with the participating navies

2. Period

February 19-27

(Harbor Phase: February 19-23)

(Sea Phase : February 24-27)

3. Place

Visakhapatnam and in the vicinity of Visakhapatnam

4. Participating Unit

JS SAZANAMI

5. Type of exercises

(1) Harbor Phase

International Maritime Seminar (IMS), Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) etc.

(2) Sea Phase

Tactical exercise (Anti-submarine warfare exercise, Anti-air warfare exercise, Anti-surface gunnery exercise, Anti-air gunnery exercise, etc.)

6. Notes

- (1) The JMSDF has participated in MILAN since 2022, and this is the 2nd time.
- (2) Commander in Chief of Self Defense Fleet will join Harbor Phase events of the exercise.