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(Announcement)

Japan-US-Australia Trilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a Trilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation with the USN and the RAN

2. Period

February 7-8

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SAZANAMI*
- (2) USN: USS *JOHN FINN*, USS *GABRIELLE GIFFORDS*
- (3) RAN: HMAS *WARRAMUNGA*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical exercise (Tactical Maneuvering Exercise, LINKEX, etc.) and PHOTOEX

6. Notes

JS *SAZANAMI* will make a port visit to Visakhapatnam, India from February 18th to 27th and will participate in a multilateral exercise “MILAN 2024” held by the Indian Navy.



JMSDF, USN and RAN ship undergoing training



From the front, JS *SAZANAMI* and USS *GABRIELLE GIFFORDS* and HMAS *WARRAMUNGA* and USS *JOHN FINN*