



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Japan – Netherlands Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the Royal Netherlands Navy (RNN) 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 RNN

### 2. Date

June 9

### 3. Exercise Area

West of KYUSYU

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKEBONO*
- (2) RNN: HNLMS *TROMP*

### 5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, LINKEX and PHOTOEX

### 6. Notes

This is the first bilateral exercise with the RNN.



Scene of the Tactical Maneuvering  
(From the left, JS *AKEBONO* and HNLMS *TROMP*)



JMSDF members conducting training



Commanding Officer, JS *AKEBONO* receiving the letter from HNLMS *TROMP*



Commanding Officer, JS *AKEBONO* seeing of the HNLMS *TROMP*