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Japan - US - Canada - The Philippines Quadrilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a Quadrilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN), the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and the Philippine Navy (PN), as a Quadrilateral Maritime Cooperative Activity (MCA) in order to strengthen regional and international cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation among the JMSDF, the USN, the RCN and the PN

2. Date

June 16

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: *JS KIRISAME*
- (2) USN: *USS RALPH JOHNSON, P-8A*
- (3) RCN: *HMCS MONTREAL*
- (4) PN: *BRP ANDRÉS BONIFACIO*

5. Type of exercise

Communication EX, Maneuver EX, PHOTOEX



From the front, BRP *ANDRÉS BONIFACIO*, USS *RALPH JOHNSON*, JS *KIRISAME*,
HMCS *MONTREAL*



From the right, BRP *ANDRÉS BONIFACIO*, USS *RALPH JOHNSON*, JS *KIRISAME*,
HMCS *MONTREAL*



Tactical Maneuvering training



JMSDF members conducting training