

# PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

## Participation in Multilateral Exercise (RIMPAC2024) hosted by the U.S. Navy

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2024 (IPD24) unit participates in a multilateral exercise (RIMPAC2024) hosted by the U.S. Navy in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" as described below.

### 1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relationship with the participating countries.

### 2. Period

June 27 - August 2

### 3. Exercise Area

In and around the Hawaiian Islands

### 4. Participating Units

#### (1) Surface Unit

Commanding Officer: Commander, Escort Flotilla Three, RADM YOKOTA Kazushi  
Unit: JS *KUNISAKI* (LST 4003) (First Surface Unit),  
JS *HAGURO* (DDG 180) (Second Surface Unit)

#### (2) Aerial Unit

Commanding Officer of Flight Unit Twelve, CDR KAWABATA Shingo  
Unit: Air Patrol Wing One (P-1) (First Air Unit)

#### (3) Other

Dispatched staff approx. 95 persons

### 5. Type of exercises

Tactical exercise (Anti-Submarine warfare exercise, missile firing exercise, etc.),  
Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) training

### 6. Notes

RIMPAC has been conducted almost every other year since 1971, and this is the 29th RIMPAC. JMSDF has participated in RIMPAC since 1980, and this will be the 23rd time.