

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Japan - Philippine Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF is conducting a bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy (PN), as a 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 with the PN

2. Date

August 2

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SAZANAMI*
- (2) PN: BRP *JOSE RIZAL*

5. Type of exercise

COMMEX, Tactical Maneuvering, PHOTOEX



The JMSDF and Philippine Navy ships conducting training



From the front, BRP *JOSE RIZAL* and JS *SAZANAMI*



JMSDF members conducting training, BRP *JOSE RIZAL*



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