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(Announcement)

Japan-NATO Bilateral Exercise

The Overseas Training Cruise units conducted a bilateral exercise with the Standing NATO Maritime Groups 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 Standing NATO Maritime Groups

2. Date

August 14

3. Exercise Area

Mediterranean Sea

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KASHIMA*, JS *SHIMAKAZE*
- (2) Standing NATO Maritime Group2: (Canadian Navy) HMCS *CHARLOTTETOWN*,
(Turkish Navy) TCG *GAZIANTEP*
- (3) Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group2:
(Romanian Navy) ROS *CONSTANTIN BALESCU*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, COMMEX, PHOTOEX, etc.



From the front, JS *SHIMAKAZE*, TCG *GAZIANTEP*, ROS *CONSTANTIN BALESCU*



HMCS *CHARLOTTETOWN*



TCG GAZIANTEP



ROS CONSTANTIN BALESCU



The scene of the Personnel Exchanges



Group photo of participants