

**PRESS RELEASE**

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(Announcement)

**Multilateral Missile Defense Exercise (PACIFIC DRAGON 2024)**

The JMSDF participated in PACIFIC DRAGON 2024, a multilateral missile defense exercise hosted by the U.S., 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**

July29 - August15

**3. Exercise Area**

In the vicinity of Hawaii

**4. Participating units**

- (1) JMSDF: JS *HAGURO*
- (2) RAN: HMAS *SYDNEY*
- (3) RCN: HMCS *VANCOUVER*
- (4) ITN: ITS *MONTECUCCOLI*
- (5) RKN: ROKS *YULGOK YI I*
- (6) RNN: HNLMS *TROMP*
- (7) USN: USS *SHILOH*, USS *CARL M. LEVIN*, USS *KIDD*, F/A-18, EA-18G, MQ-9

**5. Type of exercise**

Tactical exercise (Ballistic missile defense exercise, anti-air warfare exercise)



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Commanding officer seeing off the ship



JS HAGURO, sailing together (photo by Australian navy)