



PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Participation in “30th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic relations between Japan-Palau” and Japan-Palau Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2024 (IPD24) unit participated in “30th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic relations between Japan-Palau”, and conducted a goodwill exercise with the Republic of Palau's Division of Maritime Security and Fish & Wildlife Protection, Bureau of Public Safety, Ministry of Justice (DMSFWP) in order to promote cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. 30th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic relations between Japan-Palau

(1) Objective

To promote friendship and mutual understanding with the Republic of Palau

(2) Date

August 19

(3) Place

Port of Koror

(4) Participants

Commander of Fleet Escort Force of JMSDF, Commanding officer of JS *ARIAKE*, etc.

2. Japan-Palau Goodwill Exercise

(1) Objective

a. To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities

b. To promote friendship and mutual understanding with the Republic of Palau DMSFWP

(2) Date

August 20

(3) Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Koror

(4) Participating units

JMSDF: JS *ARIAKE* (IPD24 Second Surface Unit)

DMSFWP: PSS *KEDAM*

(5) Type of exercise

Boarding inspection exercise, PHOTOEX, etc.

3. Notes

JS *ARIAKE* made a port visit at Koror, Republic of Palau from August 18 to August 20.



Minister of State Aitaro receiving a welcome aboard the JS *ARIAKE*.



Presentation of a commemorative gift
(From left to right: Ambassador Orikasa, Minister of State Aitaro, Commander-in-Chief of the Escort Fleet, and Commanding officer JS *ARIAKE*.)



Goodwill Exercise.



PSS *KEDAM* and JS *ARIAKE*'s boat.