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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2024(IPD24) unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between the JMSDF and USN.

2. Date

August 16

3. Exercise Area

East of the Philippines

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *Ariake*
- (2) USN: USS *Blue Ridge*

5. Type of exercise

Tactical Exercise (LINKEX, DIVTACS) and PHOTOEX



JS Ariake and USN Blue Ridge conducting Tactical exercise training



Onboard training of Blue Ridge crew on JS Ariake