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Japan-New Zealand Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation with the RNZN

2. Date

September 13

3. Exercise Area

West of Kyushu

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SENDAI*
- (2) RNZN: HMNZS *AOTEAROA*

5. Type of Exercise

Replenishment at Sea Exercise, PHOTOEX



HMNZS AOTEAROA (left) and JS SENDAI (right)



Replenishment at Sea Exercise
JS SENDAI (left) and HMNZS AOTEAROA (right)



The scene of the Personnel Exchanges on JS *SENDAI*



JMSDF members conducting training