



PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Participation in Multilateral Exercise (KAKADU2024) hosted by the Royal Australian Navy

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2024 (IPD24) unit participated in a multilateral exercise “KAKADU2024” hosted by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) as described below in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific".

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen relationship with the participating countries

2. Period

September 9-19

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Darwin

4. Participating Units

(1) Surface Unit

Commanding Officer: Commander, Escort Flotilla Three, RADM YOKOTA Kazushi
Unit: JS *ARIAKE* (IPD24 Second Surface Unit)

(2) Aerial Unit

Commanding Officer: CDR IKEBE Koji
Unit: Air Development Squadron 51 (*P-1*) (IPD24 Second Air Unit)

5. Type of Exercises

Tactical exercise (Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Anti-Air Warfare Exercise, Surface Warfare Exercise, etc.)

6. Notes

- (1) JMSDF has been participating in KAKADU since 2001, and this is our 11th time.
- (2) Commander in Chief, Self Defense Fleet, VADM OMACHI Katsushi participated in Fleet Commanders’ Conference during harbor phase.



JS ARIAKE conducting training



JMSDF members conducting training



Anti-surface gunnery exercise



The scene of the Personnel Exchanges on JS *ARIAKE*



Fleet Commanders' Conference



Group photo (the participants of Fleet Commanders' Conference)