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(Announcement)

## Japan-Australia-India-U.S. Multilateral Exercise (MALABAR 2024)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2024 (IPD24) unit will participate in a multilateral exercise “MALABAR 2024” with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), the Indian Navy (IN), and the U.S. Navy (USN) 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 improve interoperability with the RAN, the RAAF, the IN and the USN.

### 2. Period / Date

October 8-18

(Harbor Phase : October 8-12)

(Sea Phase : October 13-18)

### 3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Visakhapatnam

### 4. Participating Units

#### (1) JMSDF

JS *ARIAKE* (IPD24 Second Surface Unit),

Special Boarding Unit (IPD24 Dispatched Special Boarding Unit)

#### (2) RAN

HMAS *STUART*, Special Operations Command

#### (3) RAAF

P-8A

#### (4) IN

INS *DELHI*, INS *TABAR*, INS *KADMATT*, INS *KAMORTA*, INS *SHAKTI*, Submarine, P-8I,  
Special Operations Force

#### (5) USN

USS *DEWEY*, P-8A, Special Operations Forces

## 5. Type of Exercise

### (1) Harbor Phase

Boarding Inspection Exercise, etc.

### (2) Sea Phase

Tactical Exercises (Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Surface Warfare Exercise, Anti-Air Warfare Exercise, Gun firing Exercise etc.)

## 6. Notes

(1) Exercise Malabar originally started as bilateral exercise between the USN and the IN in 1992. The JMSDF was invited to the exercise in 2007, and has been participating ever since. This will be our 13th participation.

(2) VADM OMACHI Katsushi, Commander in Chief, Self Defense Fleet, will participate in Fleet Commanders' Conference during the harbor phase.