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(Announcement)

Participation in the Multilateral Exercise (Exercise SAMASAMA 2024)  
hosted by the U.S. and the Philippines

The JMSDF will participate in the multilateral exercise “Exercise SAMASAMA 2024” hosted by the United States Navy (USN) and the Philippine Navy (PN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

## 1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation among the participating units

## 2. Period

October 7-15

## 3. Place

In the vicinity of Manila

## 4. Participating Units

- (1) Commanding Officer  
Commanding Officer, CDR MATSUI Kenichi, Thirty Second Flight Unit,
- (2) Unit  
Air Patrol Squadron 3 (*P-1*)
- (3) Personnel  
Approx. 30

## 5. Type of participations

Search and Rescue exercise

## 6. Notes

The JMSDF has participated in SAMASAMA since 2019, and this will be the 5th time.