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Indo-Pacific and Middle East Deployment 2025

The JMSDF will conduct the Indo-Pacific and Middle East Deployment 2025 (IMED25) as described below in order to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objective

- (1) To improve the JMSDF tactical capabilities and to strengthen cooperation with our ally and partner navies in the Indo-Pacific and Middle East region through participating exercises
- (2) To contribute to the peace and stability of the region and to enhance mutual understanding and relationship with partner countries through the deployment

2. Period

January 5-May 10

3. Participating Units

- (1) Commanding Officer
CAPT AMANO Shinsuke, Commander Minesweeper Division 3,
- (2) Units
JS BUNGO, JS ETAJIMA

4. Port of Call

Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of India, Republic of Kenya, Malaysia, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of the Philippines, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Seychelles, Republic of Singapore, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

5. Main Participating Exercises

IMX/CE25 : International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express 2025(IMX/CE25)

6. Notes

The JMSDF has been conducting this deployment since 2021, and this is the third time.