

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-France Multilateral Exercise (Pacific Steller)

The JMSDF will conduct a multilateral exercise with the United States Navy (USN) and the French Navy 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 participating navies

2. Period

February 10 - 18

3. Exercise Area

Eastern sea and airspace of the Philippines

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KAGA*, JS *AKIZUKI*, *P-3C*
- (2) USN: USS *CARL VINSON*, USS *PRINCETON*, USS *STERETT*, USS *WILLIAM P. LAWRENCE*,
P-8A
- (3) French Navy: FS *CHARLES DE GAULLE*, FS *ALSACE*, FS *FORBIN*, FS *PROVENCE*,
FS *JACQUES CHEVALLIER*, *ATLANTIC*

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercise (Anti-Air Warfare, Anti-Submarine Warfare, LINKEX, Cross Deck etc.), and PHOTOEX.