



PRESS RELEASE

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Japan - Philippine Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Middle East Deployment 2025 (IMED25) unit conducted a goodwill exercise with 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 promote friendship and mutual understanding between the JMSDF and the PN

2. Date

May 2

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Manila

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *BUNGO*, JS *ETAJIMA*
- (2) PN: BRP *APOLINARIO MABINI*

5. Type of Exercises

Maneuvering exercise, COMMEX

6. Notes

JS *BUNGO*, JS *ETAJIMA* made a port visit at Manila, Republic of the Philippines from April 29 to May 2.



BRP APOLINARIO MABINI



From the left BRP *APOLINARIO MABINI*, JS *ETAJIMA*



JMSDF members seeing off BRP *APOLINARIO MABINI*