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Japan-Tonga Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2025 (IPD25) unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the Tonga Royal 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 the Tonga Royal Navy

2. Period

September 1 - 5

3. Exercise Area

Nukualofa and in the vicinity of Nukualofa

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
IPD25 Boarding Inspection Team
- (2) Tonga Royal Navy
Tonga Royal Navy personnel

5. Type of Exercise

- (1) Boarding Inspection Exercise
- (2) Vessel Maintenance Exercise



Boarding Inspection Exercise



Boarding Inspection Exercise



Vessel Maintenance Exercise



Group photo of participants