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Japan-Papua New Guinea Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2025 (IPD25) unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the Papua New Guinea Defense Force 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 Papua New Guinea Defense Force

2. Period

September 29- October 3

3. Exercise Area

Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) and its vicinity waters

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
IPD25 Boarding Inspection Team
- (2) Papua New Guinea Defense Force
Maritime Element personnel

5. Type of Exercise

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

6. Notes

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Papua New Guinea.



Vessel Maintenance Exercise



Boarding Inspection Exercise



Group photo of participants