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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

### Japan-U.K. Bilateral Exercise

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

#### 2. Date

October 24

#### 3. Exercise Area

Arabian Sea

#### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKEBONO* (IPD25 fourth Surface Unit)
- (2) RN: RFA *TIDESPRING*

#### 5. Type of Exercise

Replenishment at Sea and Communication Exercise



Replenishment at Sea



JMSDF members seeing off the RFA *TIDESPRING*