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(Announcement)

## Japan - Malaysia Bilateral Exercise (MALPAN)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2025 (IPD25) unit conducted a goodwill exercise with the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) 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 RMN

### 2. Period

November 11–12

- (1) Harbor Phase: November 11
- (2) Ocean Phase: November 12

### 3. Exercise Area

- (1) Harbor Phase: Kota Kinabalu
- (2) Ocean Phase: South China Sea

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKEBONO* (IPD25 Forth Surface Unit)
- (2) RMN: KD *SELANGOR*

### 5. Type of Exercise

- (1) Harbor Phase: Boarding Inspection Exercise
- (2) Ocean Phase: Transfer at Sea Exercise, Tactical Maneuvering, PHOTOEX

### 6. Others

- (1) JS *AKEBONO* made a port visit to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia from November 9 to 12.
- (2) During the port call in Kota Kinabalu, the crew of JS *AKEBONO* observed the surveillance UAV provided by Japan through OSA (Official Security Assistance) and exchanged views on UAV operations with the RMN.



Boarding Inspection Exercise



Tactical Maneuvering



From the left KD *SELANGOR*, JS *AKEBONO*



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