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### Japan-Australia Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) 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 RAN

#### 2. Date

February 22

#### 3. Exercise Area

East China Sea

#### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *TOWADA*
- (2) RAN: HMAS *TOOWOOMBA*

#### 5. Type of Exercise

Replenishment at Sea



Replenishment at Sea (From the left, HMAS TOOWOOMBA, JS *TOWADA*)



JMSDF members conducting training