

**PRESS RELEASE**

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(Announcement)

Japan - Philippines Bilateral Exercise

The Overseas Training Cruise unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy (PN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To promote friendship and mutual understanding between the JMSDF and the PN

2. Date

February 26

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Davao

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: *JS SHIRANUI*, *JS YAMAGIRI*
- (2) PN: *BRP ARTEMIO RICARTE*, BRP BA-488, BRP BA-491, C-90

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, COMMEX and PHOTOEX

6. Notes

JS SHIRANUI, *JS YAMAGIRI* made a port visit at Davao, Republic of the Philippines from February 23 to 26.



Tactical Maneuvering



From the right, BRP *ARTEMIO RICARTE*, BRP BA-491, BRP BA-488



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