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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Frigate Training in 2026

The JMSDF will conduct a Frigate Training in the Pacific area in 2026 as described below in order to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen mutual understanding and relationship with partner navies

2. Period

March 4–June 4

3. Participating Units

- (1) Commanding Officer
CDR OKUMURA Kenji, Commanding Officer, JS *KUMANO*
- (2) Units
JS *KUMANO*
- (3) Personnel
Approx. 110

4. Ports of Call

Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.

5. Main Participating Exercises (All hosted by the Royal Australian Navy)

- (1) International Fleet Review “IFR 2026”
- (2) Multilateral Exercise “KAKADU 2026”
- (3) Multilateral Exercise “ASWEX 2026”