

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan – Papua New Guinea Goodwill Exercise

The Overseas Training Cruise unit conducted a goodwill exercise with the Papua New Guinea Defense Force (PNGDF) 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 PNGDF

2. Date

March 14

3. Exercise Area

Port Moresby

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SHIRANUI*, JS *YAMAGIRI*
- (2) PNGDF: HMPNGS *CAPE GLOUCESTER*

5. Type of Exercise

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6. Notes

JS *SHIRANUI*, JS *YAMAGIRI* made a port visit at Port Moresby, Independent State of Papua New Guinea from March 11 to 14.



HMPNGS CAPE GLOUCESTER



JMSDF members conducting training