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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-Australia Bilateral Exercise (Nichi-Gou Trident 26)

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. Period

March 17–21

3. Exercise Area

East China Sea

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKIZUKI*, JS *HAMANA*
- (2) RAN: HMAS *TOOWOOMBA*

5. Type of Exercise

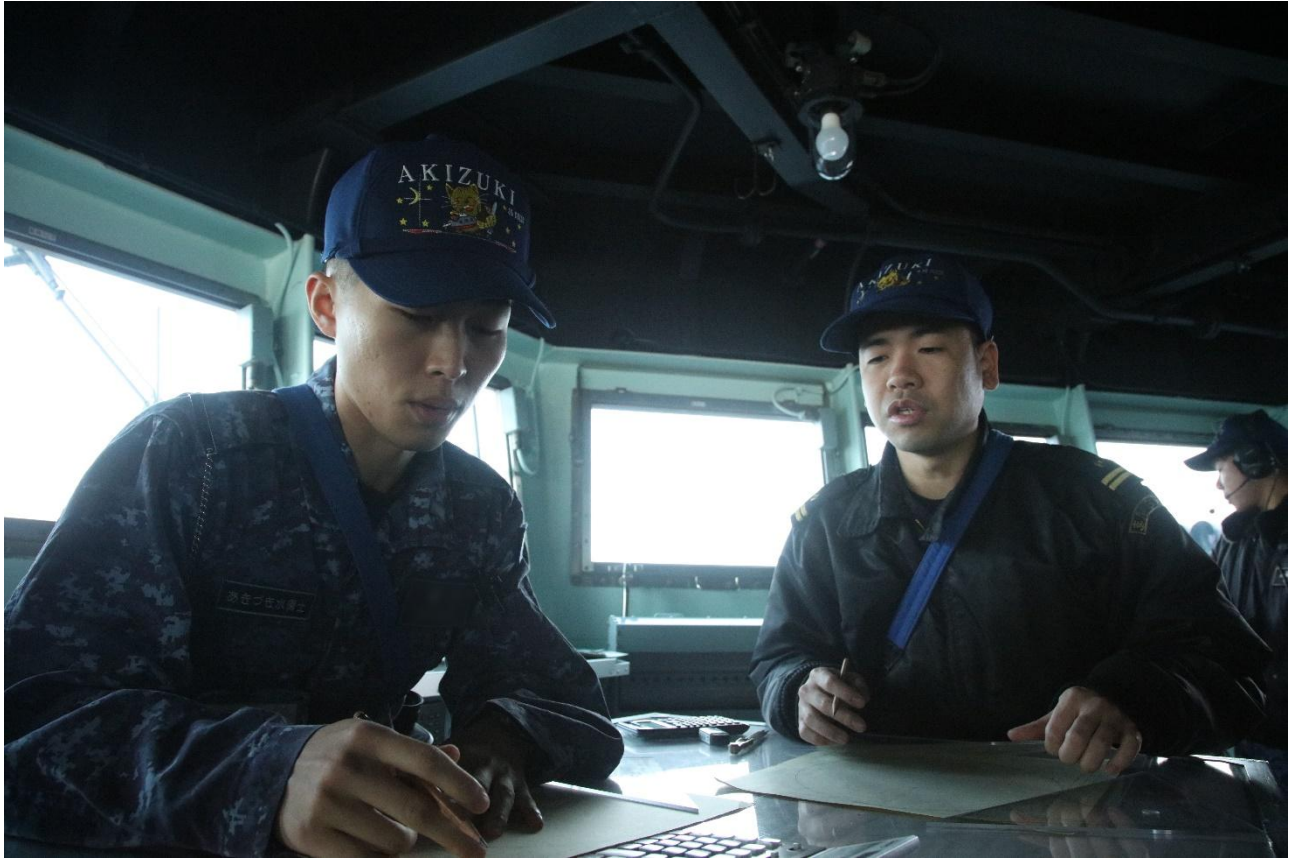
Tactical Exercises (Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare), Tactical Maneuvering, Cross Deck, Replenishment at Sea and PHOTOEX



From the front, JS *AKIZUKI*, HMAS *TOOWOOMBA*



From the front, JS *AKIZUKI*, HMAS *TOOWOOMBA*



JMSDF members conducting training



JMSDF members seeing off HMAS *TOOWOOMBA*



From the front, JS *AKIZUKI*, HMAS *TOOWOOMBA*



Replenishment at Sea