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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Participation in Multilateral Exercise “KAKADU 2026” hosted by the Royal Australian Navy

The JMSDF participated in the multilateral exercise “KAKADU 2026” hosted by the Royal Australian Navy 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 mutual understanding and relationship with the participating navies

2. Period

March 23–30

(Harbor Phase: March 23–28)

(Sea Phase: March 29–30)

3. Area

Sydney and in the vicinity of Sydney

4. Participating Unit

JS *KUMANO*

5. Type of Exercises

(1) Harbor Phase

Pre-Coordination Meeting on Exercise and others

(2) Sea Phase

Tactical exercise (Ground Gunnery Exercise, Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise, Surface Warfare Exercise)



Pre-Coordination Meeting on Exercise



Personnel Exchange



Tactical Maneuvering



JMSDF members conducting training