



PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan – Malaysia Bilateral Exercise “MALPAN”

The Overseas Training Cruise unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) and the Royal Malaysian Air force (RMAF) 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 promote friendship and to strengthen cooperation among the JMSDF, the RMN and the RMAF

2. Date

April 13

3. Exercise Area

South China Sea

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *ASAHI*
- (2) RMN: KD *SELANGOR*, AW139
- (3) RMAF: Hawk Mk 208

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical exercises (ADEX), CROSSDECK, COMMEX and PHOTOEX

6. Others

JS *ASAHI* made a port visit to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia from April 10 to 13.



RMN AW139 landing JS *ASASHI*



JS *ASASHI* and RMAF Hawk Mk 208



From the front, KD *SELAN GOR*, JS *ASAHI*



JMSDF members seeing of the KD *SELAN GOR*