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(Announcement)

Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026

The JMSDF will conduct Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026 (IPD26) as described below in order to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF tactical capabilities and to strengthen cooperation with the allied and partner navies in the Indo-Pacific region through conducting exercises.
- (2) To contribute to peace and stability of the region and to enhance mutual understanding and relationship with partner navies through the deployment.

2. Period

April 13– September 16

3. Participating Units

(1) First Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

RADM IKEUCHI Izuru, Commander, Amphibious and Mine Warfare Force

b. Units

JS ISE, JS IKAZUCHI, JS SHIMOKITA

(2) First Surface Detached Unit

a. Commanding Officer

CDR RYUSO Nobukazu, Commanding Officer, *JS IKAZUCHI*

b. Unit

JS IKAZUCHI

(3) Second Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

RADM ICHIYANAGI Kimihiro, Commander, Surface Warfare Group 2

b. Units

JS KAGA, JS FUYUZUKI, JS MASHU

(4) Second Surface Detached Unit

a. Commanding Officer

CDR YODA Masahiko, Commanding Officer, *JS FUYUZUKI*

b. Unit

JS FUYUZUKI

(5) Third Surface Unit

a. Commanding Officer

CAPT NODA Hisamichi, Commanding Officer, JS *KONGOU*

b. Unit

JS *KONGOU*

(6) First Air Unit

a. Commanding Officer

CDR SUZUKI Hiromi, Air Squadron 71

b. Unit

US-2 x1

(7) Second Air Unit

a. Commanding Officer

CDR YODA Tomoyuki, Air Squadron 81

b. Unit

UP-3D x1

(8) Third Air Unit

a. Commanding Officer

CDR MAEDA Tatsuya, Air Squadron 5

b. Unit

P-1 x1

(9) Submarine Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Submarine Commanding Officer

b. Unit

Submarine x1

(10) Dispatched VBSS (Visit, Board, Search and Seizure) Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Senior Officer

b. Units

MSDF 1st Service School, Yokosuka Surface Training Assistance Group

(11) Dispatched Engineer Unit

a. Commanding Officer

Senior Officer

b. Unit

Fleet Air Force

4. Visiting countries (In alphabetical sequence)

Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, Vanuatu

(Countries to visit are still under coordination.)

5. Main Participating Exercises

(1) Balikatan 2026

(2) RIMPAC 2026

(3) Pacific Dragon 2026

(4) Pacific Vanguard 2026