



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Japan-U.K. Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the Royal Navy (RN) 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 RN

### 2. Date

May 18

### 3. Exercise Area

Iyo-nada

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SHIMAKAZE*
- (2) RN: HMS *SPEY*

### 5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, Communication Exercise and PHOTOEX



From the right HMS *SPEY*, JS *SHIMAKAZE*



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JMSDF members seeing off HMS *SPEY*



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