

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan-France Bilateral Exercise “OGURI-VERNY 26”

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise “OGURI-VERNY 26” with the French 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 relationship with the French Navy

2. Date

May 24

3. Exercise Area

East of New Caledonia

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: *JS KUMANO*
- (2) French Navy: *F200*

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercise (Anti-Air Warfare), COMMEX and PHOTOEX



JS KUMANO and French Navy F200