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Japan–U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026 (IPD26) unit will conduct a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Marine Corps as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen relationship with the U.S. Marine Corps

2. Period

June 4–12

3. Exercise Area

Western Pacific

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KAGA* (IPD26 Second Surface Unit)
- (2) U.S. Marine Corps: F–35B

5. Type of Exercise

Deck Landing and Take-off Training