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## Japan–Philippines Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026 (IPD26) unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the Philippine Navy (PN) 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 PN

## 2. Date

June 1

## 3. Exercise Area

Off the coast of Davao

## 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *IKAZUCHI* (IPD26 First Surface Unit)
- (2) PN: BRP *ARTEMIO RICARTE*

## 5. Type of Exercise

Boarding Inspection Exercise, Tactical Maneuvering and PHOTOEX

## 6. Notes

JS *IKAZUCHI* made a port visit at Davao, Republic of the Philippines from May 30 to June 1.



From the front, JS *IKAZUCHI*, BRP *ARTEMIO RICARTE*



Group photo



Farewell Pass