



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Japan- Netherlands Bilateral Exercise

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

### 2. Date

Jun 17–18

### 3. Exercise Area

South of Kanto

### 4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *MURASAME*
- (2) RNLN: HNLMS *DE RUYTER*

### 5. Type of exercise

Tactical Maneuvering and PHOTEX



*HNLMS DE RUYTER*



From the left, *JS MURASAME*, *HNLMS DE RUYTER*



JMSDF members conducting training