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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Participation in Multilateral Exercise (RIMPAC2026) hosted by the U.S. Navy

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026 (IPD26) unit will participate in a multilateral exercise (RIMPAC2026) hosted by the U.S. Navy in order to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relationship with the participating countries

2. Period

June 24 – July 31

3. Exercise Area

In and around the Hawaiian Islands

4. Participating Units

(1) Surface Unit

Commanding Officer: Commander, Surface Warfare Group 1, RADM KOBAYASHI Takuo
Unit: JS *KONGO* (DDG 173) (IPD26 Third Surface Detached Unit)

(2) Aerial Unit

Commanding Officer: Commander, Air Squadron 5, CDR MAEDA Tatsuya
Unit: Air Patrol Wing Five (P-1) (IPD26 First Air Unit)

(3) Other

EOD crew and dispatched staff approx. 60 personnel

5. Type of exercises

Tactical exercise (Anti-Submarine warfare exercise, Anti-Surface warfare exercise, Anti-Air warfare exercise, Missile firing exercise), Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) training, EOD EX

6. Notes

RIMPAC has been conducted almost every other year since 1971, and this is the 30th RIMPAC. The JMSDF has participated in RIMPAC since 1980, and this will be the 24th participation.