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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan–Vanuatu Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026 (IPD26) unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the Vanuatu Police Force 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 Vanuatu Police Force

2. Period

June 29–July 3

3. Exercise Area

Port Vila (Vanuatu)

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
IPD26 Boarding Inspection Team
- (2) Vanuatu Police Force
Police Force Maritime Wing Officers

5. Type of Exercise

Boarding Inspection Exercise



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Group photo