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(Announcement)

Japan–Kiribati Bilateral Exercise

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

2. Period

July 27–30

3. Exercise Area

Tarawa (Kiribati)

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
IPD26 Boarding Inspection Team
- (2) Kiribati Police Service
Police Service Maritime Unit Officers

5. Type of Exercise

Boarding Inspection Exercise



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Group photo