



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Multilateral Missile Defense Exercise (PACIFIC DRAGON 2026)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026 (IPD26) unit participated in PACIFIC DRAGON 2026, a multilateral missile defense exercise hosted by the USN, 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 navies

### 2. Period

August 1–17

### 3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Hawaii

### 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KONGO* (IPD26 Third Surface Unit)
- (2) RAN: HMAS *SYDNEY*
- (3) Spanish Navy: SPS *ALVARO DE BAZAN*
- (4) ITN: ITS *GIOVANNI DELLE BANDE NERE*
- (5) RKN: ROKS *JEONGJO THE GREAT*
- (6) Chilean Navy: CNS *ALMIRANTE COCHRANE*
- (7) USN: USS *JACK H LUCAS*, F/A-18E/A, E/A-18G, P-8A, Hawker Hunter, MQ-9

### 5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercise (Ballistic Missile Defense Exercise, Anti-Air Warfare Exercise)



Participating vessels during the exercise



JMSDF personnel seeing off CNS *ALMIRANTE COCHRANE*