

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan–Samoa Bilateral Exercise

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

2. Period

August 17–20

3. Exercise Area

Apia (Samoa)

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
IPD26 Boarding Inspection Team
- (2) Samoa Police Service
Police Service Maritime Wing Officers

5. Type of Exercise

Boarding Inspection Exercise



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Group photo