

PRESS RELEASE



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(Announcement)

U.S. Navy–hosted Multilateral Exercise (Pacific Vanguard 2026)

The JMSDF participates in a multilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy, the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), the Republic of Korean Navy (ROKN) and the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF), 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 participating countries

2. Period

August 29–September 10

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Guam

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *FUYUZUKI*, Submarine
- (2) USN: USNS *CHARLES DREW*, Submarine, P-8A
- (3) RAN: HMAS *SYDNEY*
- (4) RCN: HMCS *REGINA*
- (5) ROKN: ROKS *KANG GAMCHAN*
- (6) RNZAF: P-8A

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercise (Missile firing, Anti-Surface Gunnery, Anti-Surface Warfare, Anti-Air Warfare, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Counter-UAS and others), Ammunition Loading Training and Damage Control Training