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Japan–Italy Bilateral Exercise

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the Italian Navy (ITN) 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 Italian Navy

2. Date

September 7

3. Exercise Area

South of Kanto

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *MOGAMI*
- (2) ITN: ITS *GIOVANNI DELLE BANDE NERE*

5. Type of Exercise

LINKEX



JMSDF and Italian Navy personnel coordinating exercise details



JMSDF personnel seeing off ITS *GIOVANNI DELLE BANDE NERE*