

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Japan–U.S. Bilateral Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2026 (IPD26) unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy (USN) and U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s facility repair capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability among the JMSDF, the USN and the USMC

2. Period

September 7–11

3. Exercise Area

Peleliu Island (Palau)

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: IPD26 Engineering Team
- (2) USN: Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5
- (3) USMC: 7th Engineer Support Battalion

5. Type of Exercise

Facility Repair Training



Group Photo



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