

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan–Australia Bilateral Exercise (Nichi–Gou Trident 26–2)

The JMSDF conducted a bilateral exercise with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) 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 RAN

2. Period

September 12–14

3. Exercise Area

Western Pacific

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF
JS FUYUZUKI
- (2) RAN
HMAS SYDNEY

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Exercises (Anti-Submarine Warfare and Counter-UAS), Tactical Maneuvering, COMMEX, CROSSDECK and PHOTOEX



From the left, JS *FUYUZUKI*, HMAS *SYDNEY*



JS *FUYUZUKI*(foreground), HMAS *SYDNEY*(background) during the exercise



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Group photo