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(Announcement)

Indo-Pacific Deployment 2024

The JMSDF will conduct Indo-Pacific Deployment 2024 (IPD24) in order to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF tactical capabilities and to strengthen cooperation with the allied partner navies in the Indo-Pacific region through conducting exercises.
- (2) To contribute to the peace and stability of the region and to enhance mutual understanding and relationship with partner navies through the deployment.

2. Period

May 3 - December 15 2024

3. Participating Units

(1) First Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
Commander, Mine Warfare Force, RADM IKEUCHI Izuru

- b. Units
JS *KUNISAKI* and LCAC x2

(2) Second Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
Commander, Escort Flotilla 3, RADM YOKOTA Kazushi

- b. Units
JS *ARIAKE*, JS *HAGURO*, JS *IZUMO*

(3) Third Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
Commanding Officer, JS *NOSHIRO*, CDR HORI Tetsunobu

- b. Unit
JS *NOSHIRO*

(4) Fourth Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
Commanding Officer, JS *KAGA*, CAPT TAKEUCHI Shusaku

- b. Unit
JS *KAGA*

- (5) First Air Unit
 - a. Commanding Officer
Commanding Officer, Flight Division 12, CDR KAWABATA Shingo
 - b. Unit
P-1 x1
- (6) Second Air Unit
 - a. Commanding Officer
Commanding Officer, Flight Division 511, CDR TAKADA Atsuyoshi
 - b. Unit
P-1 x1
- (7) Submarine Unit
 - a. Commanding Officer
Each Submarine Commanding Officer.
 - b. Unit
Submarines
- (8) Dispatching Special Boarding Unit

4. Port of Call (In alphabetic sequence)

Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, French Republic, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Fiji, Republic of India, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Vanuatu, United States of America (the countries to visit are still under coordination)

5. Main Participating Exercises

- (1) MARARA 24
- (2) RIMPAC 2024
- (3) Tonga Royal Navy's 50th Anniversary Fleet Review
- (4) Pacific Dragon 2024
- (5) Pacific Vanguard 2024
- (6) KAKADU 2024
- (7) Pacific Partnership 2024
- (8) MALABAR 2024

6. Notes

The JMSDF has conducted this deployment since 2017, and this is the 8th time.