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SANDAKAN: Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) ship KD Yu and Philippine Navy ship BRP Emilio Jacinto participated in the third coordinated maritime patrol and exercise since January this year.

The joint maritime patrol is a component of the Trilateral Cooperative Agreement (TCA) inked between Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia to secure the maritime areas of common concerns.

The rendezvous between KD Yu and BRP Emilio Jacinto was held at the Malaysian and Philippine maritime border off Sabah's east coast on Feb 10.



Hasanal (left) exchanging mementos with Aldrin during the TMP on Feb 10.

The joint maritime patrol also serves to enhance relations and friendship, as well as to strengthen the interoperability and security cooperation between the Malaysian, Philippine and Indonesian navies.

During the coordinated patrol and exercise, sailors from KD Yu and BRP Emilio Jacinto carried out a series of exercises including Publication Exercise (PUBEX), Maneuvering Exercise (MANEX), Semaphore Exercise (SEMAPHOREX), Rescue and Assistance (RAS) Exercise and Manning the Rail.

KD Yu commanding officer Lieutenant :Hasanal Azwad Rusli and BRP Emilio Jacinto commanding officer Commander Aldrin A. Gacusan also met for the Information Exchange Initiative (IBM).

Upon the conclusion of the third edition of TMP, both ships resumed their patrol in their respective territorial waters.