

FY 2022 Air Defense Missile Shooting Practice (ASP)

From September 20 to November 7, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) conducted FY2022 Air Defense Missile Shooting Practice (ASP) at McGregor Range, New Mexico, US.

The purpose of this training was to conduct a sequence of training related to live-firing of Patriot missiles, improve mission execution capability, and confirm combat capability. This year was the 59th training session since the start of this training in 1963.

Approximately 380 personnel from Air Defense Missile Groups and other units from all over Japan participated in maneuvering and missile reloading, in addition to JASDF-JGSDF combined air defense combat training and live-firing with Anti-Aircraft Regiment of JGSDF.

Furthermore, they conducted cooperative live-firing and unit-to-unit exchanges between the Japan and U.S. Patriot units, in order to improve the comprehensive missile air defense capability and the Japan-U.S. bilateral response capability.

As the security environment in Japan and the surrounding region becomes increasingly severe, the Koku-Jieitai will continue to conduct daily training, including this training, to further strengthen Japan's deterrence and response capabilities, and to demonstrate Japan's will and advanced capabilities for regional stability.



Live-firing of Patriot missiles



Missile reload training



JASDF-JGSDF combined training



Japan-U.S cooperative training



Unit-to-unit exchanges



Commander and other exchanges