

【Press Release】

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Air Staff Office

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Training (Rescue Flag Iwakuni)

The Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), together with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), conducted bilateral training with the U.S. Forces (USF) to enhance the rescue response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance. The details are as follows:

Details

1. Purpose

To strengthen rescue response capabilities and tactical skills through cooperation between the JMSDF and the JASDF, as well as to enhance the Japan-U.S. bilateral response capabilities.

2. Dates

Sep 2 - Sep 12, 2025

3. Location

The sea and airspace around Iwakuni, the Bungo Channel, and south of Shikoku

4. Participating Units

- a. JASDF: U-125A, UH-60J, Air Rescue Wing
- b. JMSDF: US-2, 31st Air Fleet
- c. U S F: MC-130J, 353rd Special Operations Wing
 - MV-22, 36th Marine Air Group
 - HH-60W, 33rd Rescue Squadron
 - F-35B, 12th Marine Air Group
 - MV-22, AH-1, CH-53, 36th Marine Air Group

5. Training Contents

Search and rescue training

