

Major Exercises -East China Sea, Remote Island Defense

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Ministry of Defense

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"Keen Sword" Japan-U.S. joint exercise



Joint press conference
on JS KAGA
(Oct. 26th 2020)

Lt Gen Schneider,
Commander, USFJ
GEN Yamazaki,
Chief of Staff,
Japan Joint Staff

"As we develop new and better ways to operate and integrate, exercises like this clearly demonstrate the growing strength of the US-Japan Alliance.
In spite of the immense global impact from COVID, the US-Japan Alliance did not falter and we have remained ready to fight and win."

Major Exercises conducted since April 2020

※Exercise location is for illustrative purposes only



Dec. 2020

"Forest Light" Field Exercise with USMC in Japan



-Heliborne air assault
-focus: bilateral operations for remote island defense

-Relocated training of MV-22
-Mitigating impact on Okinawa

Bilateral Exercise between JGSDF and USMC/USN

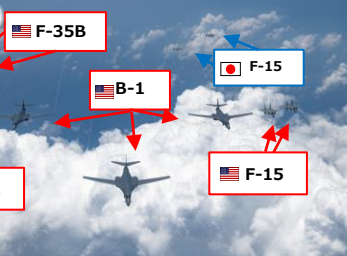
-Kin Blue beach, Okinawa
-Amphibious training by JGSDF and USMC 31st MEU

JGSDF aims to maintain and improve remote island defense through amphibious operation training with US forces including USMC

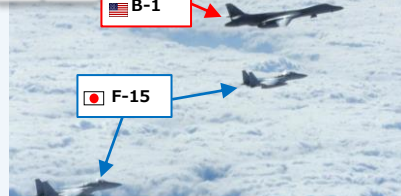
Gajajima Isl.: JSDf/USF landing exercise with USMC MV-22
Okidaitojima Isl.: live-fire exercise by JSDf/USF vessels and fighters



Aug. 2020



Jan. 2021



Frequently conducting various training with U.S. Air Force strategic bombers over the East China Sea, etc.

※16 times in 2020, twice in 2021

Bilateral Training with U.S. Forces



Mar. 2021

※Image

Apr. 2021



JASDF fighters conduct air defense training with USMC and USAF fighters over the East China Sea

※USMC: U.S. Marine Corps
※MEU: Marine Expeditionary Unit

Major Exercises in East China Sea



Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercises



Japan-U.S.-France Trilateral Exercise



Actively conducting exercises with US Navy in the East China Sea



Japan-Australia Bilateral Exercise



Japan-Canada Bilateral Exercise (KADEX20)



-Many partner nations deploy navy ships to monitor North Korea's ship-to-ship transfers and other maritime activities
-JSDf actively leverages these opportunities and trains with these ships