

Japan - United States - Republic of Korea Trilateral Exercise

On September 30, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), the United States (U.S.) Navy, and Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy are participating in a trilateral anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Sea of Japan.

The exercise includes the JMSDF destroyer JS Asahi (DD 119), the Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 5's USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76), Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Barry (DDG 52), the ROK Navy destroyer ROKS Munmu the Great (DDH 976), and a U.S. submarine to improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities and to strengthen cooperation among JMSDF, the U.S. Navy and ROK Navy. Liaison officers from each country observe the exercise from each surface vessel participating.

This exercise demonstrates the commitment of Japan, the U.S. and the ROK to furthering trilateral cooperation to respond to regional security challenges, protecting shared security and prosperity, and bolstering the rules-based international order.

Japan, the U.S. and the ROK concurred in the importance of deepening trilateral cooperation including joint exercises during the Japan-U.S.-ROK Trilateral Ministerial Meeting in June 11. Ministry of Defense will continue to deepen trilateral cooperation.