

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Training and Exercises

- Realistic bilateral and multilateral training and exercises are essential to maintaining the readiness and deterrent posture of the Japan-U.S. Alliance and responding to future challenges.
- Through effective bilateral training and exercises, interoperability, sustainability and readiness are reinforced, while the deterrence capabilities function effectively by showcasing the unified will and capabilities of the two countries.

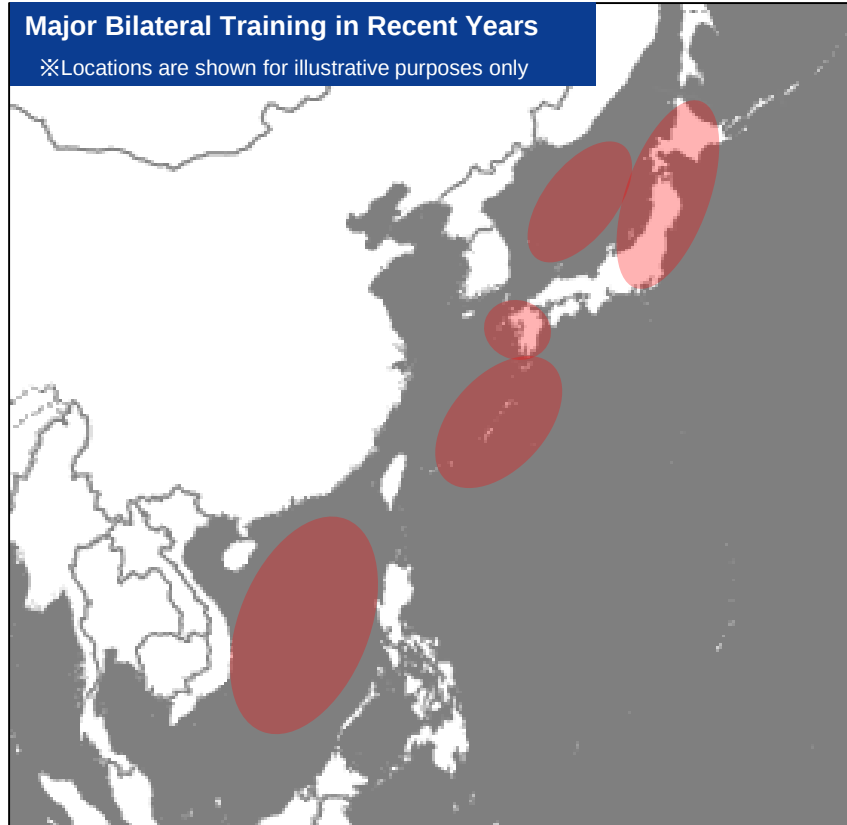
Japan-U.S. Bilateral Training



Regular conduct of bilateral training over the Sea of Japan and the East China Sea.

Major Bilateral Training in Recent Years

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Field Training Exercise with U.S. Marine Corps (Resolute Dragon 26)

2026.6



Conducted training necessary for defending remote islands at selected JSDF facilities and U.S. military installations in Kyushu and Okinawa, including anti-ship warfare training, joint medical training, and other training activities.

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Training

2025.11



Conducted bilateral training with U.S. Aircraft Carrier "USS George Washington", etc.

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Training

2025.2



Maintain and strengthen "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" through bilateral training in the South China Sea, etc.

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Joint Exercise (Keen Sword 25)



Deployed the U.S. HIMARS to JGSDF Camp Ishigaki by a U.S. aircraft. Conducted medical evacuation training, transporting patients from remote islands to major SDF hospitals on mainland Japan.

Bilateral Exercise with III MEF (Iron Fist 25)



2026.2-3

JGSDF Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and other units, conducted training in Kyushu and Okinawa.

Major Training and Exercises around the East China Sea

- Continue to respond firmly and calmly to the situation surrounding the Senkaku Islands and will firmly defend the territorial land, water and airspace of Japan.
- On a regular basis, each SDF service, has actively conducted bilateral training with the U.S. Navy and other U.S. Forces, as well as bilateral flights with the U.S. Air Force, in the East China Sea, including areas surrounding the Senkaku Islands.



Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Training

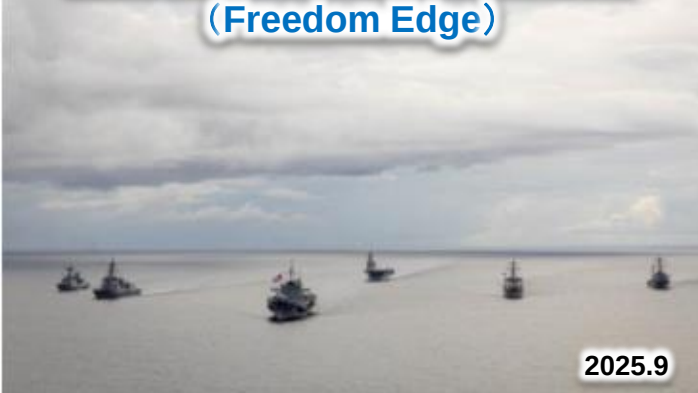


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Regular conduct of bilateral/trilateral training over the East China Sea, etc.



Japan-U.S.-ROK Multi-Domain Trilateral Exercise (Freedom Edge)



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In the East China Sea, etc., Japan, the U.S. and the ROK conducted various training in multiple domains, including maritime operations training.



Japan-U.S. Bilateral Training (RESCUE FLAG OKINAWA)



2025.1

Conducted search and rescue training with a U.S. Forces helicopter around Okinawa.



Japan-U.K.-U.S.-Australia-Canada-Norway Multilateral Training



2025.9

Taking the opportunity of the deployment of the U.K. CSG25 to the Indo-Pacific region, JS KAGA and other JMSDF vessels conducted a six-nation joint exercise: Japan, U.K. U.S., Australia, Canada, Norway.

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Major Training and Exercises in the Indo-Pacific region

- Achieving the **stable development of the Indo-Pacific region** is essential for the **stability and prosperity of the world**. Under the vision of a “**Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)**”, each SDF service has **actively conducted bilateral/multilateral training and exercises across the Indo-Pacific region** in cooperation with the U.S., Australia, India, and European countries, such as the U.K. and France.

 **Pakistan Navy-hosted Multilateral Exercise (AMAN2025)**

The JS MURASAME conducted various tactical trainings with vessels and aircrafts of the Pakistan Navy and others.

2025.2 Northern Arabian Sea

 **Indo-Pacific Deployment (IPD25)**

Through bilateral/multilateral training and goodwill exercises between JMSDF destroyers, etc. and the U.S., Australia, coastal states of Indo-Pacific, JMSDF aimed to enhance its tactical skills, strengthen collaboration, and deepen mutual understanding with each country.

2025.4-11 Indo-Pacific region

 **Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise (Cope North 25)**

Conducted various tactical training with the participation of F-35As of Japan, U.S. and Australia for the first time.

2025.2 Around Guam

 **U.S.-Philippines hosted Multilateral Exercise (Balikatan26)**

Through the participation in the U.S.-Philippines hosted multilateral training in the Philippines, JSDF aimed to maintain and enhance joint operational capabilities and strengthen collaborations with other participating countries. The JSDF's first live-fire training was conducted in the Philippines by deploying its equipment including the Type-88 surface-to-ship missile onto the Philippines.

2026.4-5 Philippines

 **Japan-U.S.-Australia-Canada-Philippines Multilateral Training as a MCA**

As a quadrilateral Maritime Cooperative Activity (MCA) by Japan, the U.S., Australia and the Philippines, JMSDF conducted various tactical training with the U.S. Navy, Australian Navy and Air Force, Canadian Navy and the Philippine Coast Guard.

2026.4 South China Sea

 **Indian Navy-hosted Multilateral Exercise (MILAN26)**

JMSDF destroyers conducted various tactical training with vessels of the Indian Navy and others.

2026.2 Off the coast of Visakhapatnam

 **Indian Air Force-hosted Exercise (Tarang Shakti24)**

A large-scale exercise hosted by the Indian Air Force. While it was intended to include the first visit to India by JASDF fighters, adverse weather conditions and malfunctions of equipment prevented aircrafts reaching India, limiting the deployment to Singapore as a transit point. JASDF personnel participated in ground events in India.

2024.8-9 India

 **U.S. and Indonesian Armed Forces hosted Multilateral Exercise (Super Garuda Shield 25)**

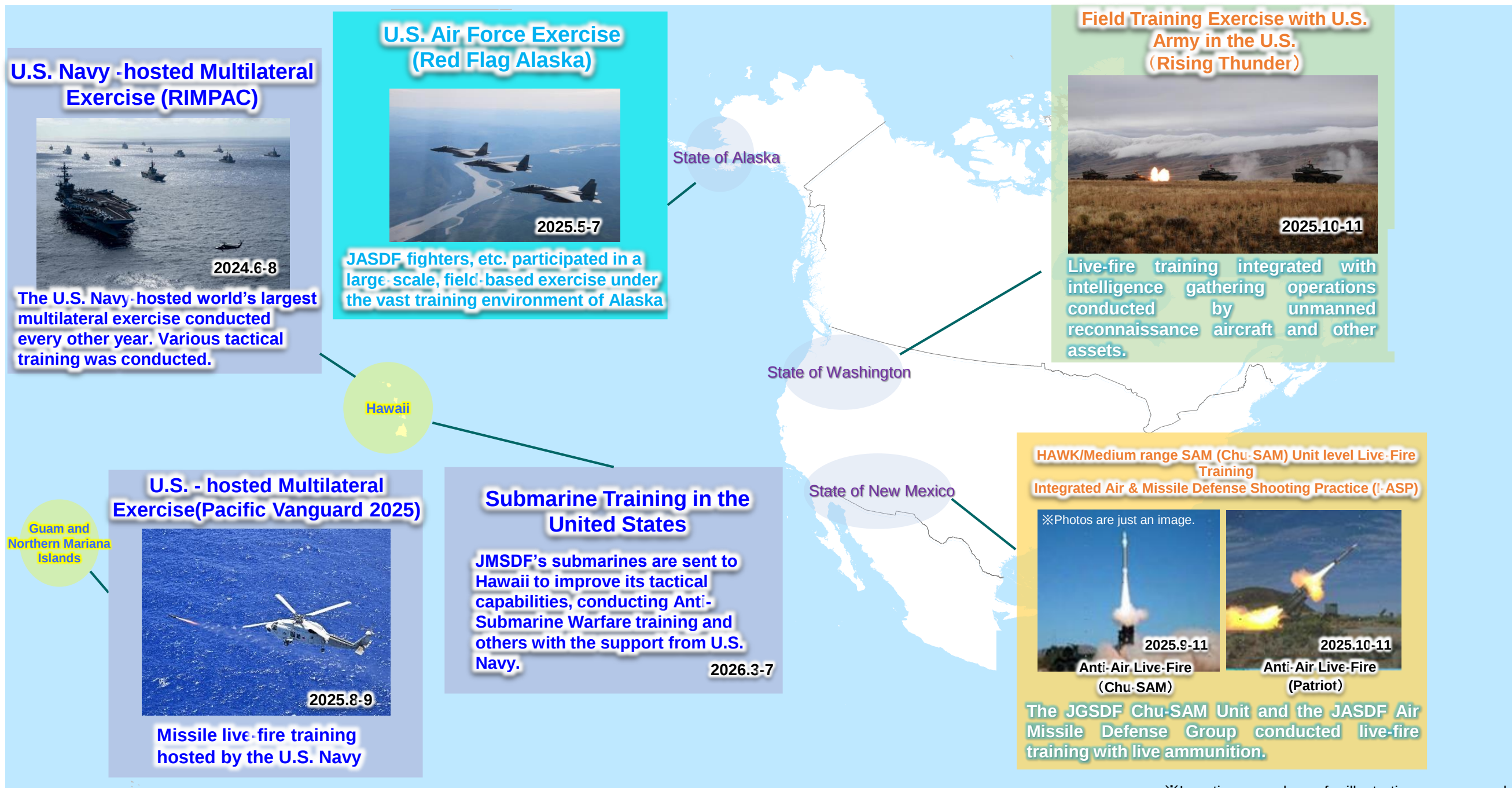
In Indonesia, JSDF enhanced its operational capabilities and tactical skills necessary for island defense through training on airborne operations, amphibious operations and combat firing.

2025.8-9 Indonesia

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Major Training and Exercises in the U.S.

- The U.S. offers **extensive training areas/ranges not available in Japan**, including less-constrained maritime training areas and ranges. Training in the U.S. enables JSDF to objectively evaluate its proficiency and to confirm the latest tactics and operations of the U.S. Forces, making such training **extremely valuable for enhancing JSDF's tactical capabilities**.
- Furthermore, the steady implementation of various training with the U.S., Japan's ally, is **important to enhance deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance**.



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Major Training and Exercises with Allies and Like-Minded Countries

- In addition to bilateral training with the U.S. Forces, SDF has strengthened cooperation with countries that share the fundamental values and strategic interests, including Australia and European countries, such as the U.K., through joint training and exercises.
- By conducting bilateral/multilateral training related to amphibious operations with the Australian Defence Force, and British Armed Forces, and other partner nations, the SDF has enhanced its tactical proficiency while demonstrating a firm stance to defend the territorial land, water and airspace of Japan, including remote islands.



U.S.-Australia hosted Multilateral Exercise (Talisman Sabre 25)

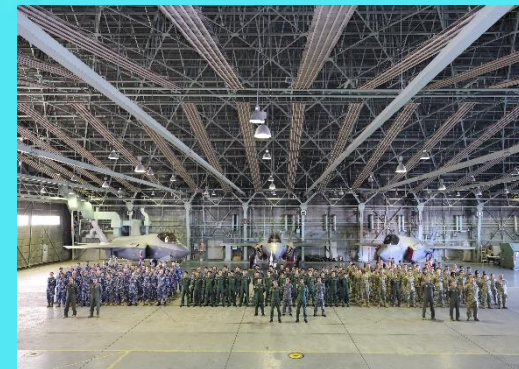
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JGSDF Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, JMSDF JS Ise & JS Suzunami & Osumi, and JASDF Air Defense Command, etc. participated in multilateral exercise co-hosted by the U.S. and Australia. This exercise maintained and enhanced joint operational capabilities of the SDF, as well as strengthened collaboration with other participating countries, primarily the U.S. and Australia.



Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise (Bushido Guardian 25)



2025.9-10

The first trilateral exercise conducted in Japan by F-35As of Japan, U.S. and Australia, based on the Joint Statement of the Trilateral Defense Ministers' Meeting on May 2024, etc.



Japan-Netherlands-U.S. Joint Exercise (Kazaguruma Guardian)



2026.3-4

First trilateral exercise conducted among F-35As from JASDF, U.S. Air Force and Royal Netherlands Air Force. This training enhanced tactical proficiency of the units and deepened mutual understanding.



Bilateral Exercise with British Army (Vigilant Isles 25)



2025.11

JGSDF and the British Army conducted various training on anti-landing operations including bilateral airborne training in Hokkaido Maneuvering Area and other locations.