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JGSDF-USMC Bilateral Exercise “Northern Viper”

※ JGSDF: Japan Ground Self-Defense Force
USMC: U.S. Marine Corps

JGSDF will conduct a JGSDF-USMC bilateral exercise “Northern Viper” as follows

1 Purpose of the Exercise

The JGSDF and USMC units conduct exercise to improve coordination procedures of joint operations based on their respective chain of command to enhance joint response capabilities.

The focal points of the exercise are live-fire training and bilateral and combined armed training through Air-to-Ground cooperation under various terrain and weather.

2 Period

22nd Jan, 2020 - 8th Feb, 2020

3 Place

Hokkaido-Dai Training Area, Yausubetsu Training Area, Camp Obihiro, Chitose Airbase

4 Commander of the exercise

(1) JGSDF

MG Mikio KOSE

5th Brigade Commanding General

(2) USMC

MG William M. Journey

3rd Marine Division Commanding General

5 Main training units / major equipment

(1) JGSDF

A. Units

4th Infantry Regiment, 5th Field Arterially Unit, 5th Tank Battalion, 5th Aviation Unit, 1st Anti-Tank Helicopter Unit etc.

B. Equipment

Arms which are equipped with training units including AH-1S, UH-1J

(2) USMC

A. Units

4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Battalion of 12th Marine Regiment, 36th Marine Corps Aircraft Group etc.

B Equipment

Arms which are equipped with training units including HIMARS, MV-22, AH-1Z, UH-1Y

6 Characteristics of the exercise

- The largest scale exercise ever of Japan and U.S. bilateral exercise held in Japan
- This exercise will be carried out as a part of the MV-22 training relocation project based on the agreement of the Japan-U.S. Joint Committee concluded on September 1, 2016.

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