

## JGSDF News Release

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### JGSDF-USMC Bilateral Exercise “Forest Light (Western Army)”

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

JGSDF will conduct a JGSDF-USMC bilateral exercise “Forest Light (WA)” in Japan 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.

2 Period

18th Jan, 2020 – 30th Jan, 2020

3 Place

Oyanohara Training Area, Kirishima Training Area and Sub-Camp Takayubaru

4 Commander of the exercise

(1) JGSDF

LTG Taizo HORII

8th Division Commanding General

(2) USMC

COL Robert BRODIE

Commander, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

5 Main training units/ major equipment

(1) JGSDF

A. Units

12th Infantry Regiment

B. Equipment

Arms equipped with training units including UH-1J and CH-47JA

(2) USMC

A. Units

Brigade Landing Team of 31st MEU.

B. Equipment

Arms equipped with training units including MV-22

6 Characteristics of the exercise

- Japan-U.S. Joint Training Based on Operational Scenarios on Islands.
- 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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