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## **Japan-U. S. Bilateral Joint Exercise 2022 (FTX) Achievements of Keen Sword23**

JSDF and U.S. Forces have completed the 10-day Japan-U. S. Bilateral Joint Exercise (FTX) on Saturday, 19 November 2022.

This exercise is the largest-scale Japan-U.S. bilateral exercise in this fiscal year, and is conducted under the series of scenario from the gray-zone to an armed attack situation. Through this exercise, JSDF and the U.S. Forces trained JSDF operational procedures and Japan-U.S. bilateral response operational procedures to improve the readiness and interoperability.

In particular, new equipment, such as the fifth generation fighter F-35 and the Ground Self-Defense Force's V-22 as well as the Japan-U.S. space operations units and the U.S. Army Multi-Domain Task Force participated in the exercise to train for amphibious operation, various operations related to land, maritime and air, joint logistics and integration of domains relating to space, cyber and electromagnetic spectrum with conventional domains to strengthen the JSDF joint operation and Japan-U.S. bilateral response capabilities.

On Monday, 14 November, Chief of Staff of Japan Joint Staff General Koji Yamazaki and Commander of United States Forces Japan Lieutenant General Ricky N. Rupp held a joint press conference on board JS "Izumo," demonstrating the ironclad Japan-U.S. Alliance to our countries and the rest of the world, as well as reaffirming that the exercise further strengthened bilateral deterrence and response capabilities through our observation.

In addition to the United States, naval vessels from Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom, as well as aircraft from Australia and Canada participated in the exercise under the U.S. Forces control.

JSDF and the U.S. Forces will continue to strengthen the Japan-U. S. Alliance, further ensure peace and prosperity of the international community, and proactively promote a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)" by closely working together with like-minded countries.