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Joint Staff

(Announcement)

### Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

Japan Self-Defense Forces and U.S. Armed Forces conducted a bilateral exercise on Saturday, Mar 18 amid an increasingly severe security environment surrounding Japan, including North Korea's ICBM-class Ballistic Missile launch.

This bilateral exercise reaffirms the strong intention between Japan and the United States to respond to any situation, the readiness of JSDF and U.S. Armed Forces, and further strengthens the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance.

#### 1. Date

March 18 2023

#### 2. Exercise Area

Sea of Japan

#### 3. Participating Units

(1) JMSDF: JS ATAGO

(2) USN: USS MILIUS

#### 4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises (including ballistic missile defense response exercise.)

