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SDF Joint Exercise 2023 (FTX)

The Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) will conduct SDF Joint Exercise 2023 (FTX) as follows.

In this exercise, the JSDF conducts training to maintain and strengthen its integrated operational capabilities. The United States Armed Forces will participate in some part of the exercise to enhance interoperability of both forces.

1 Purpose

Train and verify the JSDF's Joint Operation plan for defense and security of Japan to maintain and enhance the JSDF's integrated operational capabilities.

2 Period

From 10th Nov. 2023 to 20th Nov. 2023

3 Place

- (1) JSDF Installations, U.S. Forces Japan Installations and both forces areas
- (2) Airports and ports
- (3) Kawasaki city, Kashiwazaki city, Omaezaki city, Karatsu city, Sasebo city, Isahaya city, Tsushima city, Iki city, Amami city, Okushiri city, Higashidori village, Naraha town, Tokai village, Yamato village, Tokunoshima town, Amagi town, Isen town, Yonaguni town
- (4) Sea and air spaces surrounding Japan

4 Director of the exercise

Chief of Staff, Joint Staff

5 Major exercise items

- (1) Command post activities at Joint Task Forces and major commands HQs
- (2) Ground Operation
- (3) Naval Operation
- (4) Air Operation
- (5) Amphibious Operation
- (6) Joint Logistics and Medicine
- (7) Airborne Operation
- (8) Special Operation
- (9) Collaboration of Space, Cyber and Electromagnetic domains with conventional domains

6 Participating units

(1) JSDF

a Staff Offices, etc

Joint Staff, Ground Staff Office, Maritime Staff Office, Air Staff Office and Defense Intelligence Headquarters

b Ground Self-Defense Force

Ground Component Command, regional armies, etc.

c Maritime Self-Defense Force

Self-Defense Fleet, regional districts, etc.

d Air Self-Defense Force

Air Defense Command, Air Support Command, etc.

e Joint Units

JSDF Intelligence Security Command, JSDF Cyber Defense Command

(2) U.S. Armed Forces

U.S. Army Pacific, U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Pacific Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific and U.S. Forces Japan.

7 Training Audience and Equipment

(1) JSDF

30,800 personnel*, 3,500 vehicles*, 20 vessels*, 210 aircraft*

(2) U.S. Armed Forces

10,200 personnel* (* Numbers are approximate)

8 Others

(1) Since 1979, SDF Joint Exercise has been conducted almost every year, and this year marks the seventeenth time (9 FTXs and 8 CPXs in total). A FTX and a CPX have been conducted alternately, and a FTX will be conducted this year.

(2) Observers will be invited from Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand, Philippines, Korea, U.S., U.K. and NATO.