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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 amid an increasingly severe security environment surrounding Japan following intensified activities concerning Japan's national security. This bilateral exercise reaffirms the strong intention between Japan and the United States not to tolerate unilateral changes to the status quo by force, 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

December 16 2024

#### 2. Exercise Area

The airspace over the Sea of Japan, and East China Sea to West Pacific Ocean, southeast of Okinawa

#### 3. Participating Units

##### (1) JASDF

F-15s x 3, 5th Air Wing

F-15s x 3, 6th Air Wing

F-15s x 7, 9th Air Wing

##### (2) U.S. Air Force

B-52 x 1

F-35A x 4

F-18 x 4

F-22 x 4

F-16 x 6

EA-18G x 3

#### 4. Types of Exercise

Bilateral- Formation flight, Tactical exercises (including Defensive Counter Air training)

