

January 29, 2025

**Quarterly report on JASDF fighters scramble
(The third quarter of FY2024)**

1. Overview

- As of Dec. 31, 2024, the total number of scrambles conducted by JASDF fighters in FY2024 is 521 times. Details of each scramble are as follows.
- The number of scrambles has remained high since FY2013.

Countries/Regions	Russia	China	Taiwan	North Korea	Others	TOTAL
Number	173 (33 %)	345 (66 %)	0	0	3 (1 %)	521

(※)The chart includes information about presumed affiliation of spotted aircraft.

2. Trends seen this quarter

- PLA and AFRF bombers conducted a long-distance joint flight over the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, and Pacific Ocean for two days.
- The landings and takeoffs of carrier-based fighters from PLA aircraft carrier “Liaoning” and “Shandong” over the Pacific were observed.
- Russian Tu-95 bombers flew over the Sea of Japan.

ABBREVIATIONS

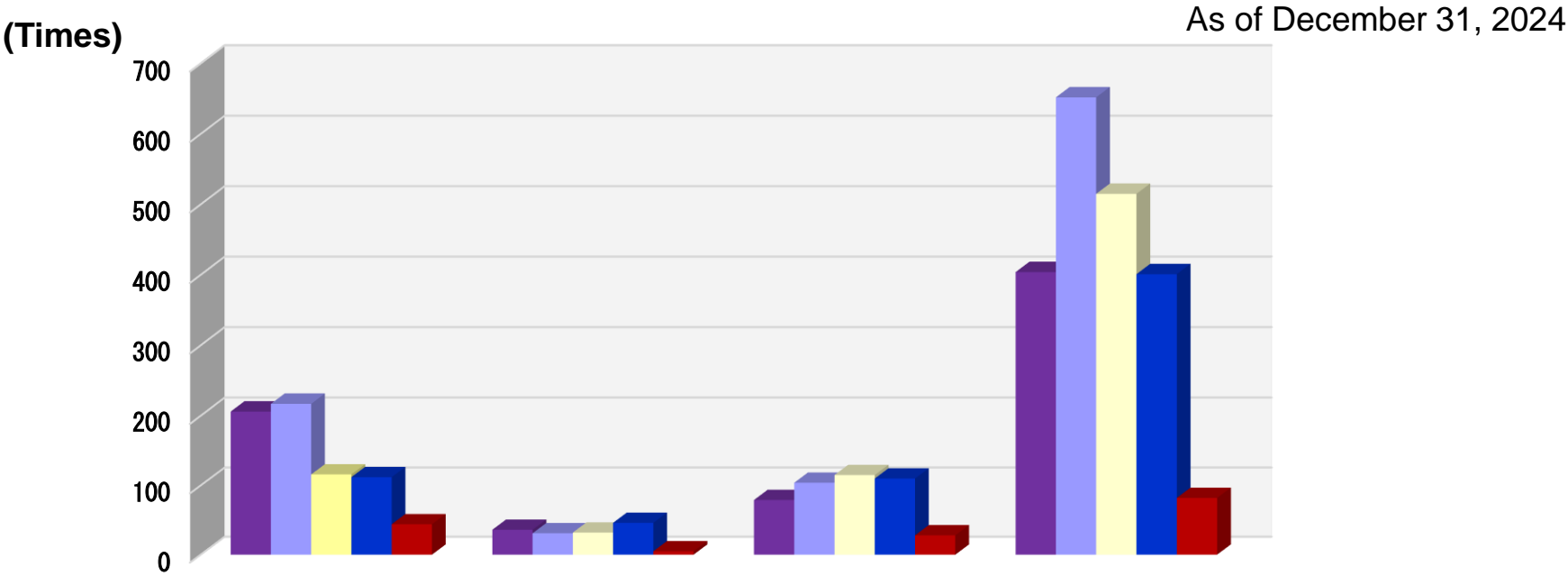
JASDF: Japan’s Air Self-Defense Force

F Y : fiscal year [From Apr.1 to Mar.31]

P L A : People’s Liberation Army

A F R F: Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

Details of Scrambles conducted by Air Defense Force



	Northern		Central		Western		Southwestern		TOTAL	
	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter
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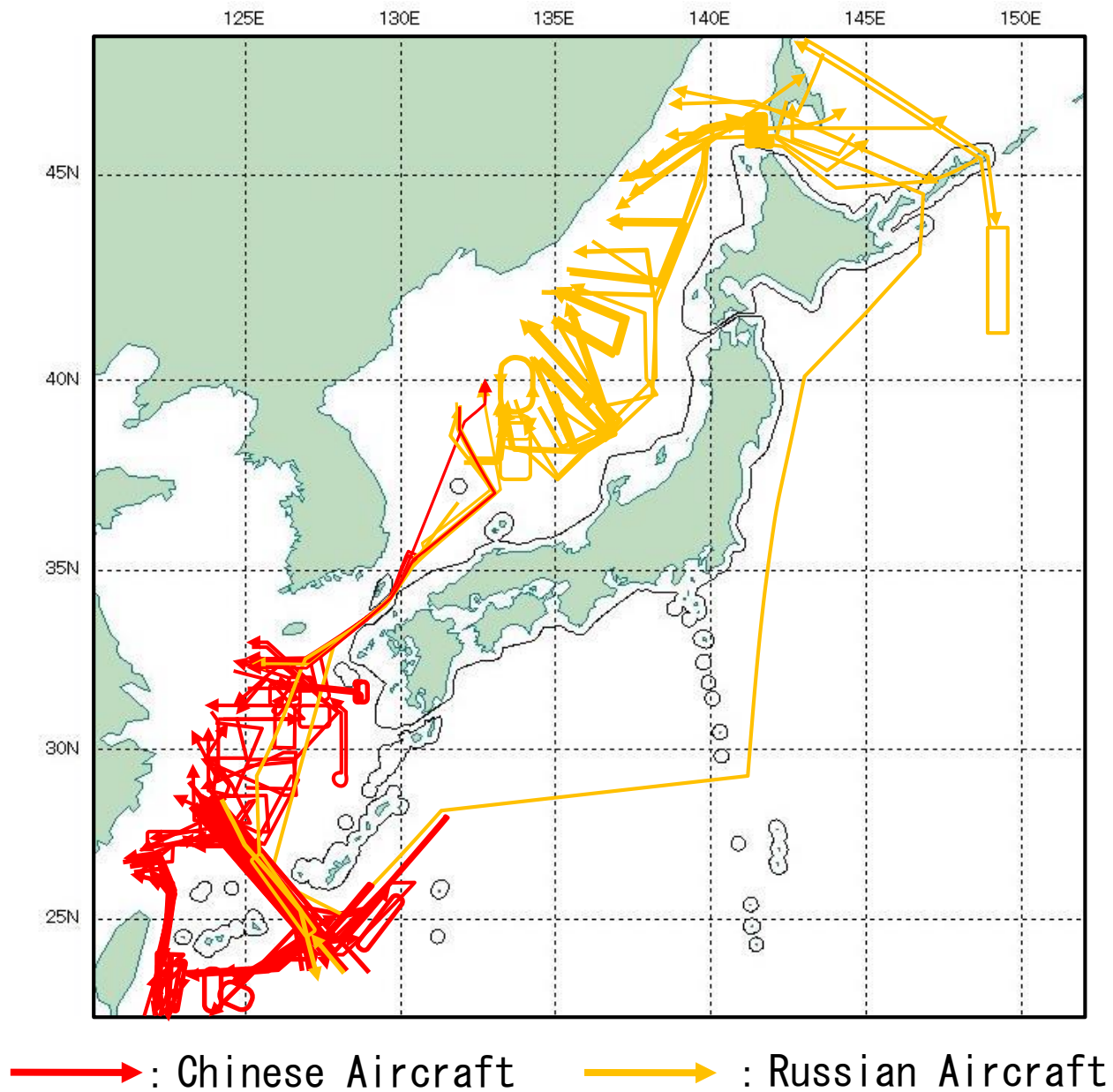
Details of Scrambles (Countries and Regions)

As of December 31, 2024

Countries/ Regions FY	Russia		China		Taiwan		North Korea		Others		TOTAL	
	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter	FY	3 rd Quarter
2020	258	206	458	331	0	0	0	0	9	7	725	544
2021	266	199	722	571	3	3	0	0	13	12	1004	785
2022	150	133	575	462	0	0	0	0	53	17	778	612
2023	174	148	479	392	1	1	2	2	13	12	669	555
2024	—	173	—	345	—	0	—	0	—	3	—	521

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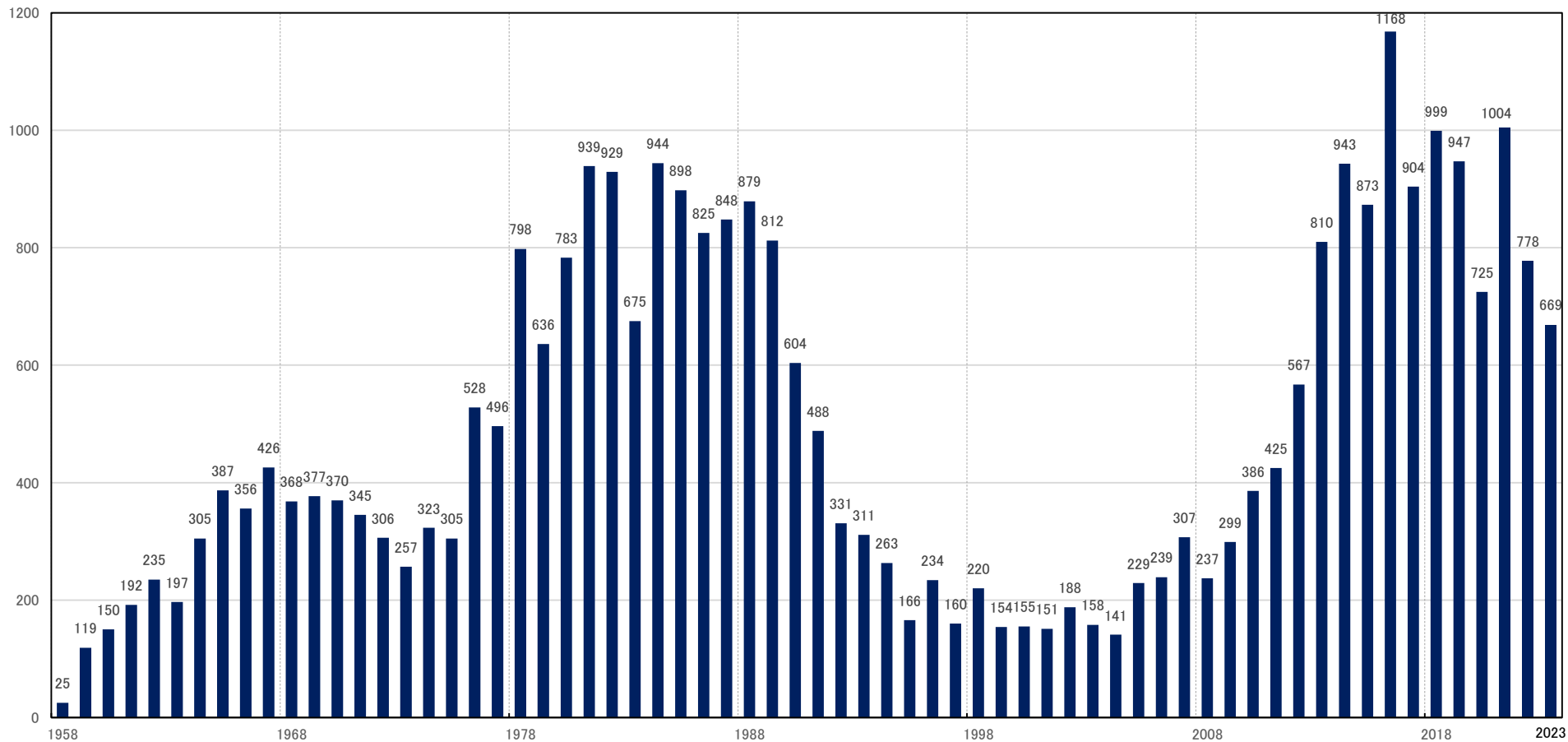
Flight Patterns of Russian Aircraft and Chinese Aircraft (Ex)



Number of Scrambles

As of March 31, 2024

(Times)



(FY)