

JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



Apr 25 2025

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. 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

April 24 2025

2. Exercise Area

The airspace over East China Sea to Western Pacific, southeast of Okinawa

3. Participating Units

(1) JASDF

F-15s x 4, 9th Air Wing

(2) U.S. Air Force

B-1 x 1

F-15E x 6

F-35A x 4

F-35B x 2

EA-18G x 2

RC-135 x 1

KC-135 x 1

4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises (including Defensive Counter Air training)