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Japan Joint Staff

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S.-Australia Trilateral Exercise

Japan Self Defense Force (JSDF), the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces, and the Australian Defense Force (ADF) conducted a trilateral exercise amid an increasingly severe security environment surrounding Japan. This trilateral exercise reaffirms the strong intention among Japan, U.S. and Australia not to tolerate unilateral changes to the status quo by force. This also confirms the close coordination among JSDF, U.S. Armed Forces, and ADF, and further strengthens practical defense cooperation among the three nations to enhance regional deterrence.

1. Date

September 26th, 2025

2. Exercise Area

The airspace over East China Sea, west of Kyushu

3. Participating Units

(1) Japan Air Self Defense Force

F-15 x 3, 5th Air Wing

KC-46A x 1, 3rd Tactical Airlift Wing

(2) U.S. Air Force

F-35A x 2

KC-135 x 1

(3) Royal Australian Air Force

F-35A x 3

KC-30A x 1

4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises

