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SDF Joint Exercise 2025 (FTX)

The Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) will conduct the SDF Joint Exercise 2025 (FTX) as outlined below.

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

1 Purpose

To train and validate the JSDF's joint operations for the defense and security of Japan, aiming to maintain and enhance the JSDF's joint operational capabilities.

2 Period

From 20 October 2025 to 31 October 2025

3 Place

- (1) JSDF Installations, U.S. Forces Japan Installations and both forces areas
- (2) Airports and ports
- (3) Hokkaido Prefecture: Tomakomai City, Rumoi City, Miyagi Prefecture: Sendai City, Niigata Prefecture: Sado City, Aichi Prefecture: Gamagori City, Kyoto Prefecture: Maizuru City, Miyazu City, Yosano District (Ine Town), Wakayama Prefecture: Nishimuro District (Shirahama Town), Kochi Prefecture: Susaki City, Fukuoka Prefecture: Kyoto District (Miyako Town), Saga Prefecture: Karatsu City, Nagasaki Prefecture: Tsushima City, Minamishimabara City, Goto City, Minamimatsuura District (Shinkamigoto Town), Omura City, Iki City, Higashisonogi District (Kawatana Town), Sasebo City, Oita Prefecture: Nakatsu City, Kitsuki City, Kagoshima Prefecture: Kumage District (Nakatane Town, Minamitane Town), Amami City, Oshima District (Yamato Village, Uken Village, Setouchi Town, Wadomari Town, China Town), Okinawa Prefecture: Kunigami District (Kunigami Village), Nago City, Shimajiri District (Tonanaki Village), Ishigaki City, Yaeyama District (Taketomi Town, Yonaguni Town)
- (4) Sea and air spaces surrounding Japan

4 Director of the exercise

Commander, JSDF Joint Operations Command

5 Major exercise items

- (1) Command post activities at major commands HQs
- (2) Ground operation
- (3) Naval operation

- (4) Air operation
- (5) Amphibious operation
- (6) Joint logistics and medicine
- (7) Airborne operation
- (8) 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 Joint Operations Command, JSDF Intelligence Security Command, JSDF Cyber Defense Command, JSDF Maritime Transport Group, etc.

(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.

(3) Australian Defence Force

Headquarters Joint Operations Command, etc.

7 Training Audience and Equipment

(1) JSDF

52,300 personnel*, 4,180 vehicles*, 60 vessels*, 310 aircraft*

(2) U.S. Armed Forces

5,900 personnel*

(3) Australian Defence Force

230 personnel* (* Numbers are approximate)

8 Others

Since 1979, SDF Joint Exercise has been conducted almost every year, and this year marks the eighteenth time (10 FTXs and 8 CPXs in total). A FTX and a CPX have been conducted alternately, and a FTX will be conducted this year.