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Japan Joint Staff

(Announcement)

Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise

Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces conducted a bilateral exercise amid an increasingly severe security environment surrounding Japan. This bilateral exercise reaffirms the strong will between Japan and U.S. not to tolerate unilateral changes to the status quo by force. This also demonstrates 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

February 16th and 18th, 2026

2. Exercise Area

The airspace over Japan Sea and over East China Sea

3. Participating Units

(1) Japan Air Self-Defense Force

F-2 x 3, 7th Air Wing

F-2 x 3, 8th Air Wing

F-15 x 5, 9th Air Wing

(2) U.S. Armed Forces

B-52 x 4

4. Types of Exercise

Tactical exercises

